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ARE

THE PROUD ONES...

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HOW DOES IT
FEEL, SIR--
TO BE LEADER
OF THE FIRST
EXPEDITION
INTO OUTER
SPACE?

YOU MAY WRITE
IN YOUR PAPERS
THAT CAPTAIN
JONAS AND HIS
ENTIRE CREW,
IMMEDIATELY
PRIOR TO
BLASTING
OFF...

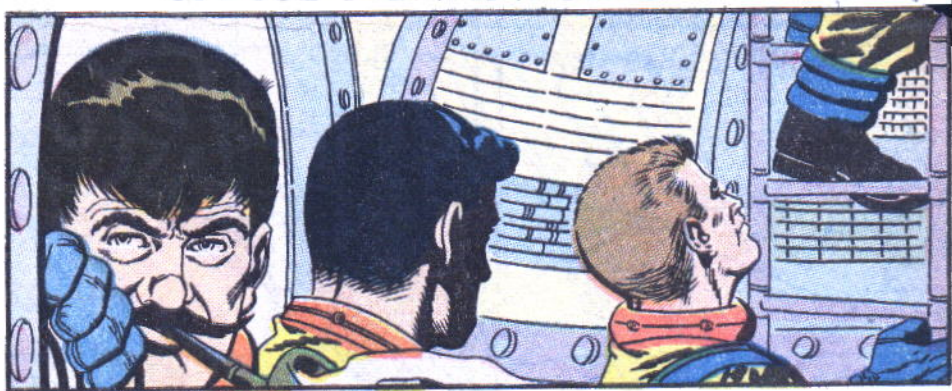


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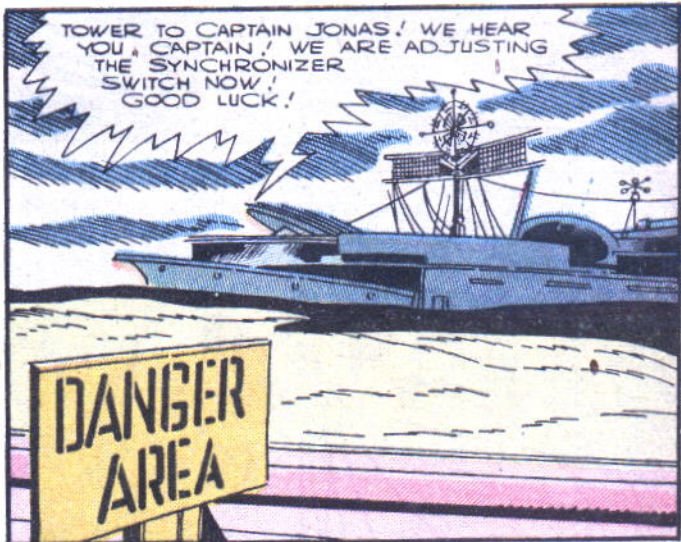
THESE ARE THE ARROGANT ONES! EVERY MOMENT BRISK AND SURE! NOT A SHADOW OF DOUBT AT THE OUTCOME OF THE AWESOME FLIGHT... NOT A SCINTILLA OF TREPIDATION AT THE FATHOMLESS STRETCHES OF OUTER SPACE YAWNING BEFORE THEM...



CAPTAIN JONAS TO TOWER! WE ARE READY TO BLAST-OFF!



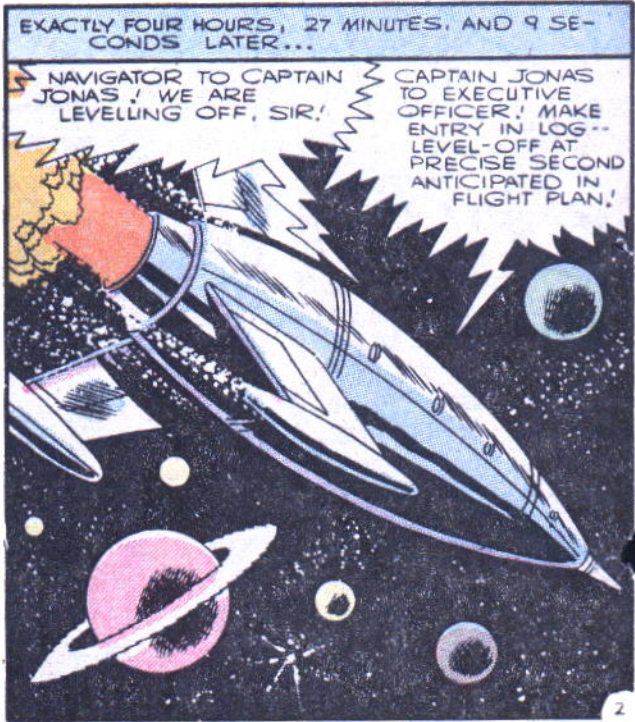
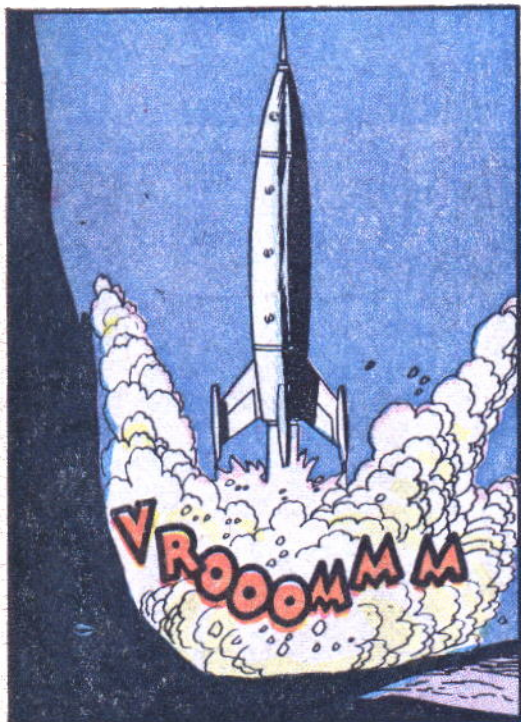
TOWER TO CAPTAIN JONAS! WE HEAR YOU, CAPTAIN! WE ARE ADJUSTING THE SYNCHRONIZER SWITCH NOW! GOOD LUCK!



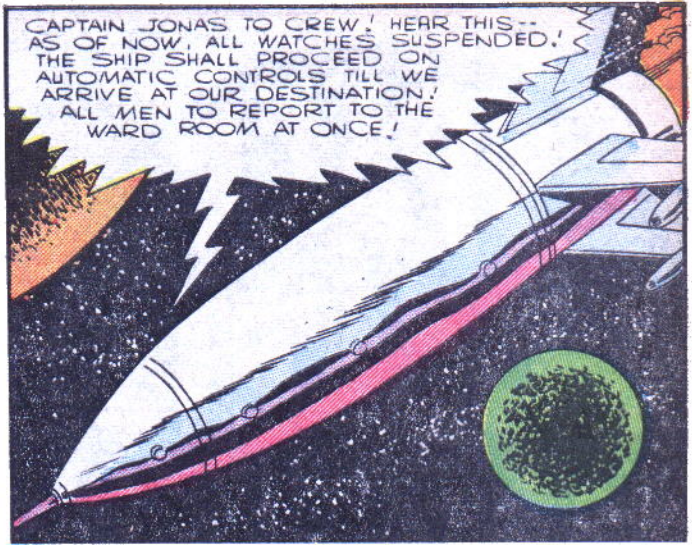
EXACTLY FOUR HOURS, 27 MINUTES, AND 9 SECONDS LATER...

NAVIGATOR TO CAPTAIN JONAS! WE ARE LEVELING OFF, SIR!

CAPTAIN JONAS TO EXECUTIVE OFFICER! MAKE ENTRY IN LOG-- LEVEL-OFF AT PRECISE SECOND ANTICIPATED IN FLIGHT PLAN!



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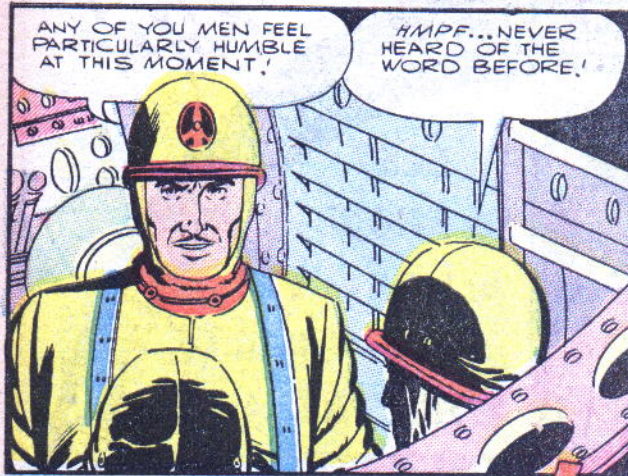
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ANY OF YOU MEN FEEL PARTICULARLY HUMBLE AT THIS MOMENT!

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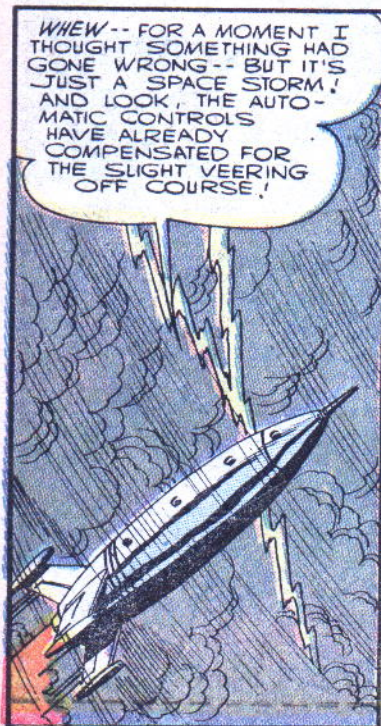


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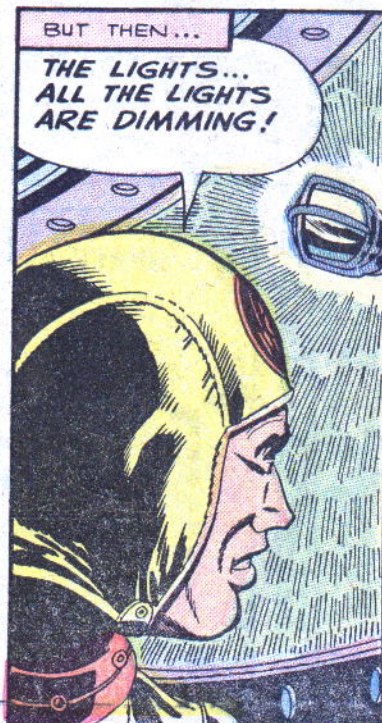
THE SHIP'S LURCHING!



MY SENTIMENTS, EXACTLY... AND NOW, GENTLEMEN...



WHEW-- FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT SOMETHING HAD GONE WRONG-- BUT IT'S JUST A SPACE STORM! AND LOOK, THE AUTOMATIC CONTROLS HAVE ALREADY COMPENSATED FOR THE SLIGHT VEERING OFF COURSE!



BUT THEN...

THE LIGHTS... ALL THE LIGHTS ARE DIMMING!



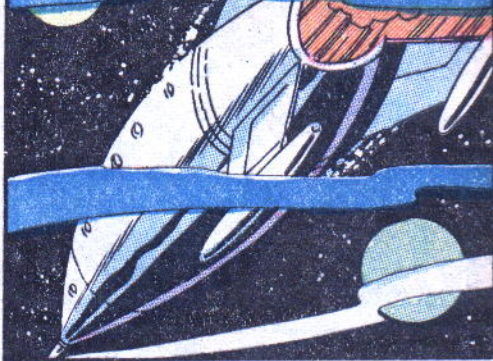
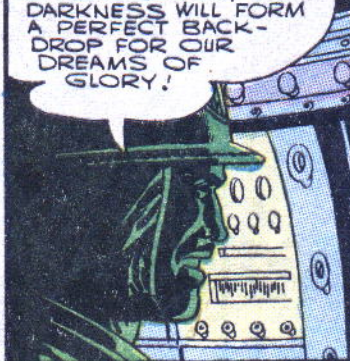
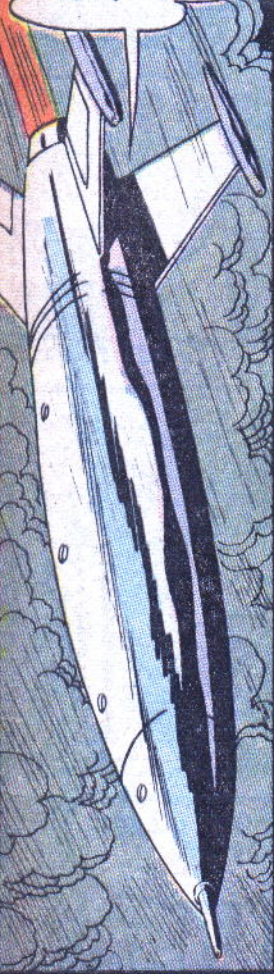
THEY'VE GONE OUT!!

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SO WHAT? THE FIGHTING SYSTEM'S COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT OF THE JET ENGINES! AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE'RE BETTER OFF NOW!

...FOR NOW AS WE SIT AND WAIT FOR THE AUTOMATIC CONTROLS TO BRING US TO OUR DESTINATION-- THE FURTHERMOST PLANETOID IN THE OUTERMOST REACHES OF OUR GALAXY, THE DARKNESS WILL FORM A PERFECT BACK-DROP FOR OUR DREAMS OF GLORY!

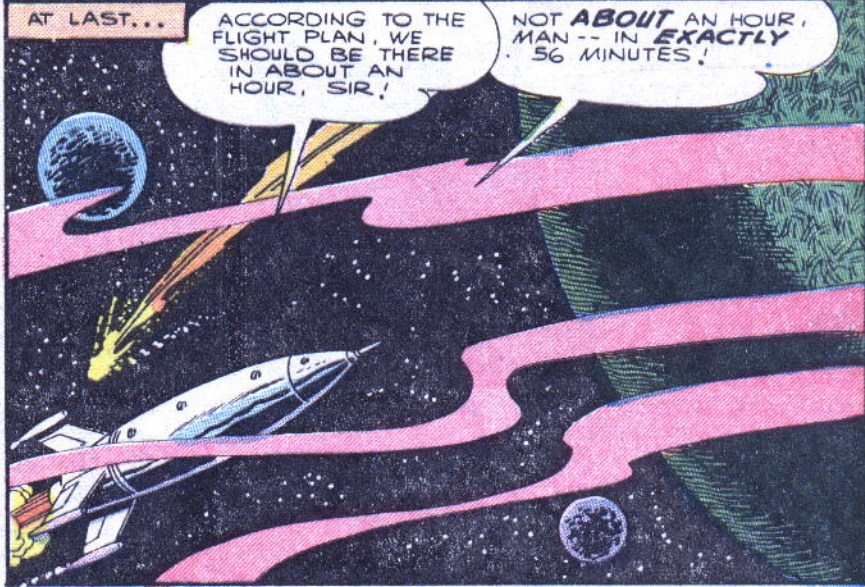
AND SO, TIME PASSES WITH THE PROUD ONES DREAMING IN THE SHADOWS, AS THEIR SHIP KEEPS WHIRRING SMOOTHLY THROUGH SPACE...



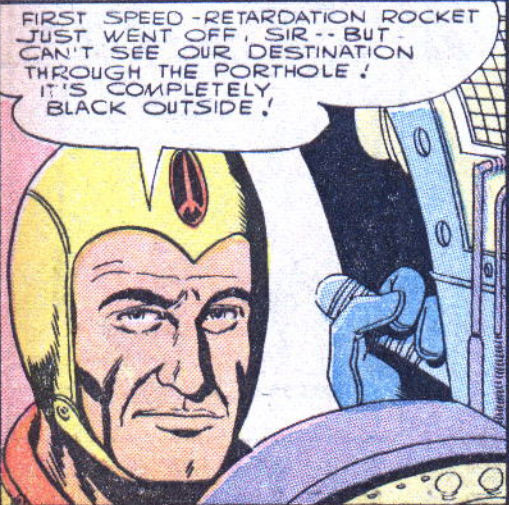
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ACCORDING TO THE FLIGHT PLAN, WE SHOULD BE THERE IN ABOUT AN HOUR, SIR!

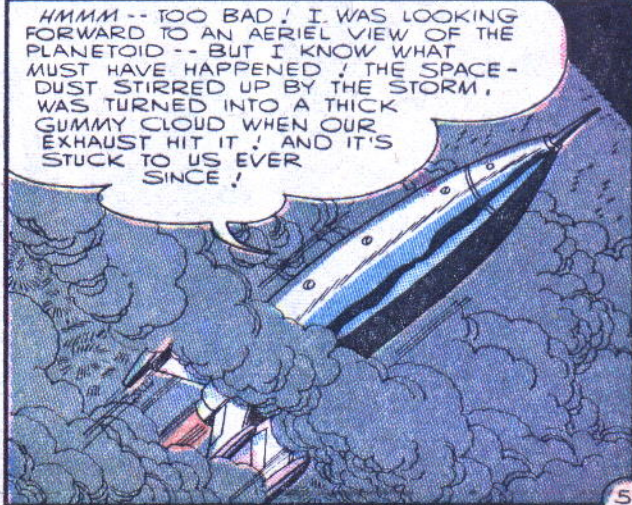
NOT ABOUT AN HOUR, MAN-- IN **EXACTLY** 56 MINUTES!



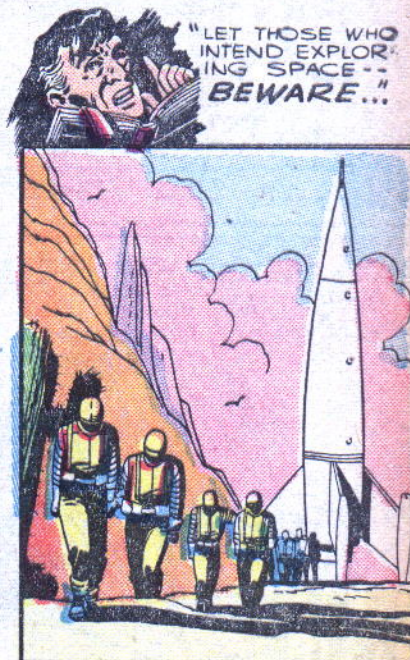
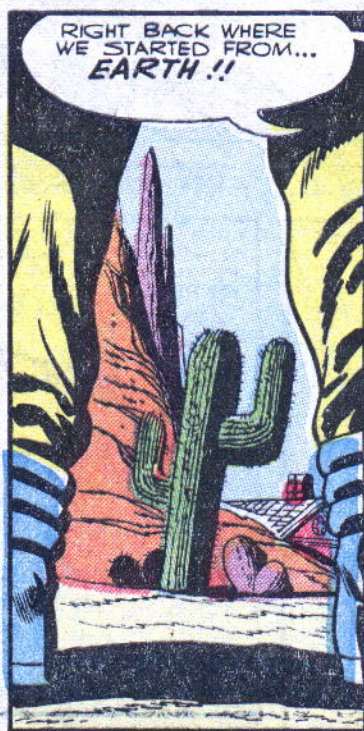
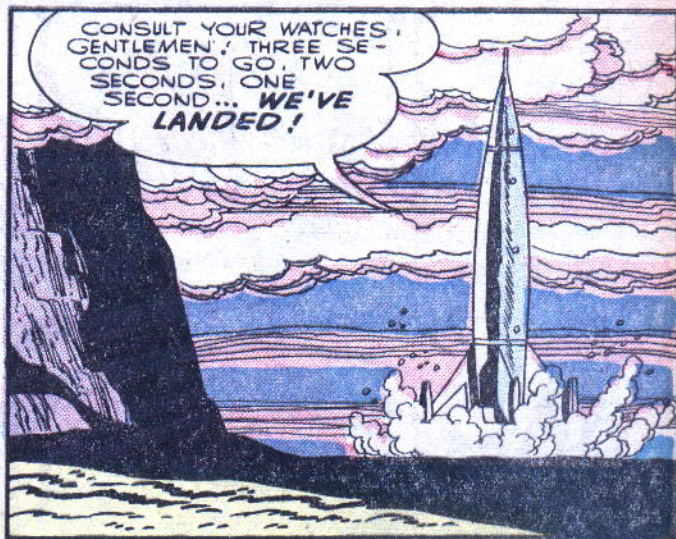
FIRST SPEED-RETARDATION ROCKET JUST WENT OFF, SIR-- BUT CAN'T SEE OUR DESTINATION THROUGH THE PORTHOLE! IT'S COMPLETELY BLACK OUTSIDE!



HMMM-- TOO BAD! I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO AN AERIAL VIEW OF THE PLANETOID-- BUT I KNOW WHAT MUST HAVE HAPPENED! THE SPACE-DUST STIRRED UP BY THE STORM, WAS TURNED INTO A THICK GUMMY CLOUD WHEN OUR EXHAUST HIT IT! AND IT'S STUCK TO US EVER SINCE!



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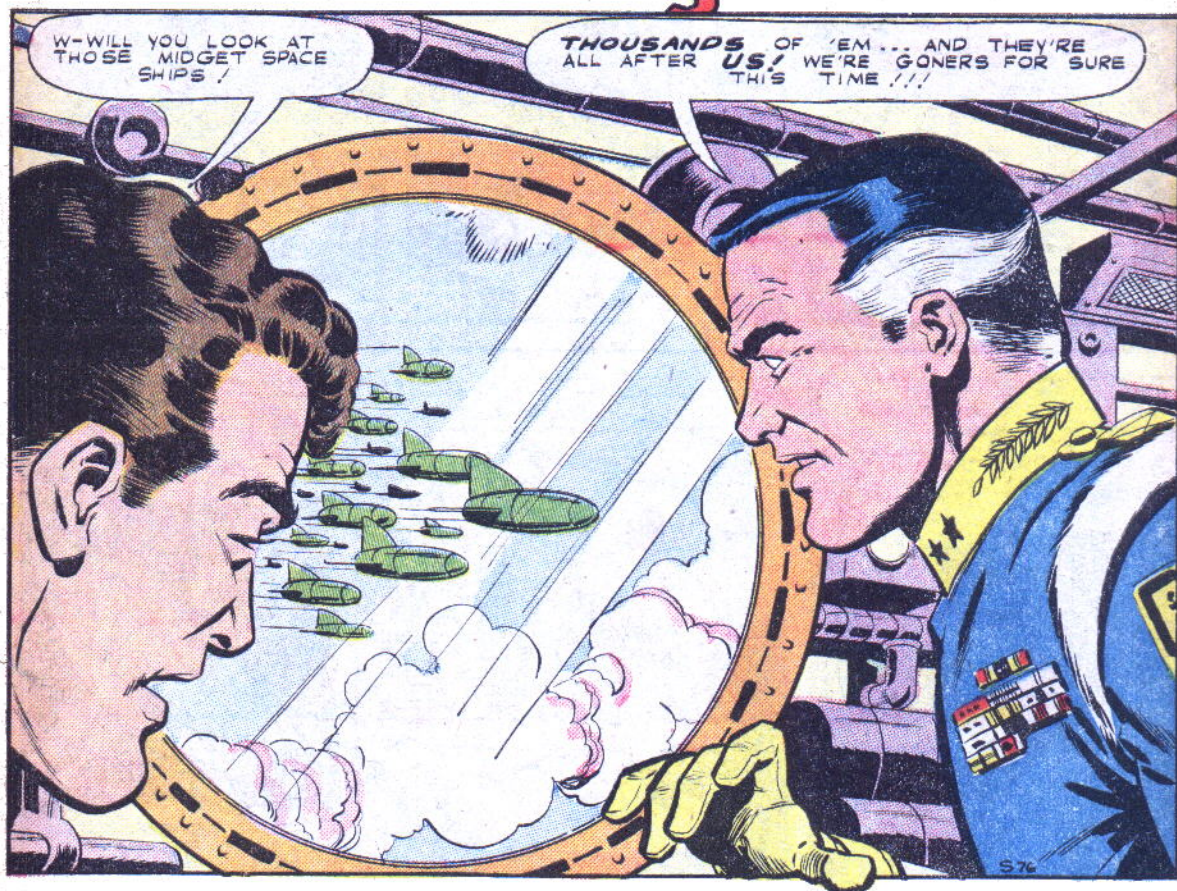


THESE ARE THE HUMBLE ONES!

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REX CLIVE, SPACE KING BATTLES THE

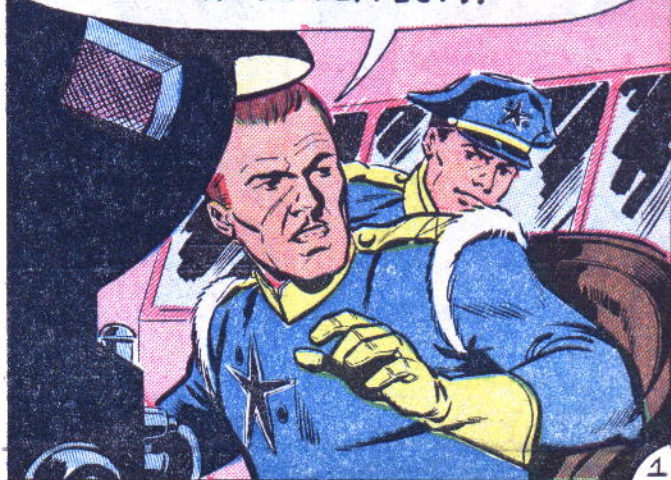
Menace ^{OF THE} Midget Robots



ON THE WELL-GUARDED PLANET, TORRO, THE FORT KNOX OF THE FUTURE....



THEY'RE **TINY**-- BUT THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF THEM! AND THEY'RE NOT RESPONDING TO OUR **CHANGE-COURSE SIGNAL!** ORDER ALL ANTI-SPACECRAFT BATTERIES TO **FIRE FOR EFFECT!!**



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THEY'RE GOING DOWN LIKE FLIES, BUT THERE ARE **MORE** BEHIND THEM-- AND THEY'RE STILL HEADED THIS WAY!!

IT'S A **SUICIDE ATTACK!** THERE'S NO STOPPING THEM!

LATER...

N-NO WONDER OUR BARRAGE DIDN'T FAZE THEM! THEY'RE **ROBOTS!**

WE HAVE LANDED ON TORRO, **MASTER!** WE SHALL PROCEED TO EMPTY THE VAULTS AS YOU HAVE ORDERED!

YOU FOOLS! YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH...

NO USE, CAPTAIN! THEY'RE **ROBOTS--** AND THEY'RE JUST CARRYING OUT THEIR **MASTER'S ORDERS-- WHOEVER HE IS!**

THE VAULTS ARE EMPTY, **MASTER!** THE FLEET IS STARTING TO BLAST OFF!

GOOD! MY **RADIO-BEAM** IS WIDE OPEN! THE FLEET WILL FOLLOW IT IN! THAT IS ALL!

AT THAT MOMENT IN REX CLIVE'S COMMAND SHIP...

THE FLEET WILL FOLLOW IT IN! THAT'S ALL!

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, REX?

WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING FAST! IF THAT REMOTE-CONTROLLED ROBOT FLEET GETS AWAY WITH ALL THAT BULLION, THE WHOLE CURRENCY STRUCTURE OF THE WORLDS WILL COLLAPSE!

B-BUT WHAT'S THERE TO DO BESIDES TEAR OUR HAIR OUT? WE'RE TOO FAR AWAY TO INTERCEPT!

RELAX, SPEED... THEY'RE FLYING TO THEIR HIDEOUT BY **RADIO-BEAM--** RIGHT? WELL, START FIDDLING WITH THAT MAXIMUM RANGE FREQUENCY THEY'RE BEING BEAMED IN ON!!

GOT THE FREQUENCY, SPEED? NOW START **JAMMING** THAT BEAM!

IT'S WORKING, REX! I'M WATCHING THEM ON **RADARSCOPE--** THEY'RE GOING IN CIRCLES!

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LATER AT HEADQUARTERS ON EARTH...

GOOD WORK, CLIVE! THEY WERE STILL GOING IN CIRCLES WHEN THAT PURSUIT SQUADRON YOU ALERTED, CAUGHT UP WITH THEM!

GLAD TO HEAR ALL THE BULLION'S BACK ON, TORRO, SIR! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE MAN WHO MADE THOSE ROBOTS-- AND WAS DIRECTING THEM? HE'S STILL AT LARGE!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN AN UNDERGROUND FACTORY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF EARTH...

A BAD DAY, **MASTER**-- OUR VERY FIRST ATTEMPT, AND WE NOT ONLY FAILED TO GET THE BULLION-- BUT LOST A WHOLE FLEET AS WELL!

THE FLEETS ARE EXPENDABLE, THE ROBOTS TOO!

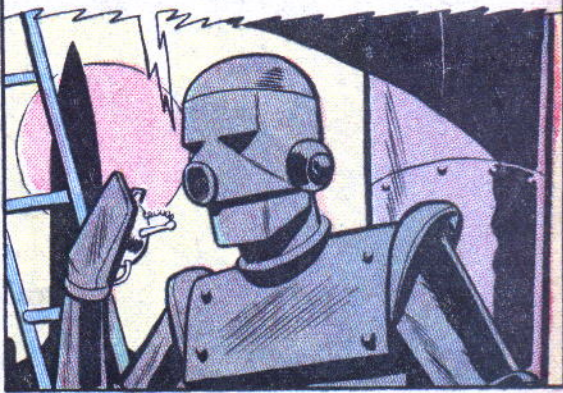


BUT THIS REX CLIVE WHO TWAUTED US... **HE** MUST BE ELIMINATED AT ALL COSTS IF WE ARE EVER TO TAKE POWER! AND I HAVE A **PLAN!** SEE THIS TINY RADIO-BEAM TRANSMITTER IN MY HAND?



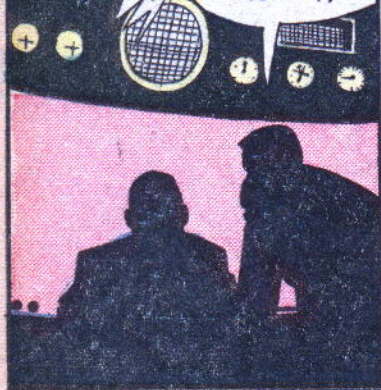
A FEW NIGHTS LATER, AT THE SPACEPORT!

THE RADIO-BEAM TRANSMITTER HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE **TAIL ASSEMBLY** OF REX CLIVE'S SPACESHIP! AS YOU HAVE ORDERED, **MASTER!**



REX CLIVE BLASTING OFF RIGHT NOW IN HIS COMMAND SHIP, **MASTER!**

IT WOULD BE TOO BAD IF CLIVE HADN'T SAID GOODBYE TO ALL HIS FRIENDS! BECAUSE HE'LL **NEVER** SEE THEM AGAIN!!



AND SO...

REX, LOOK... AN- OTHER ONE OF OF THOSE ROBOT FLEETS-- AND ONE'S AFTER US!



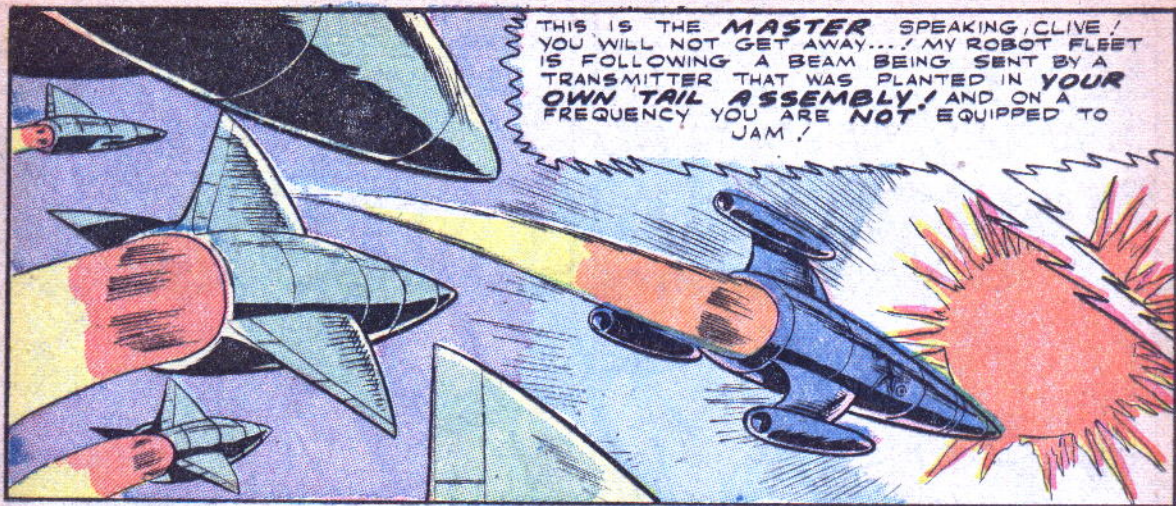
THOSE BABIES ARE FAST ALL RIGHT! LET'S SEE IF A SALVO OR TWO WILL SLOW THEM DOWN!

THEY'RE STILL COMING! THE MORE WE SHOOT DOWN, THE MORE KEEP COMING!

HAVE TO TRY EVA-SIVE ACTION, SPEED! LET ME AT THOSE CONTROLS!



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THIS IS THE **MASTER** SPEAKING, CLIVE! YOU WILL NOT GET AWAY...! MY ROBOT FLEET IS FOLLOWING A BEAM BEING SENT BY A TRANSMITTER THAT WAS PLANTED IN **YOUR OWN TAIL ASSEMBLY!** AND ON A FREQUENCY YOU ARE **NOT** EQUIPPED TO JAM!

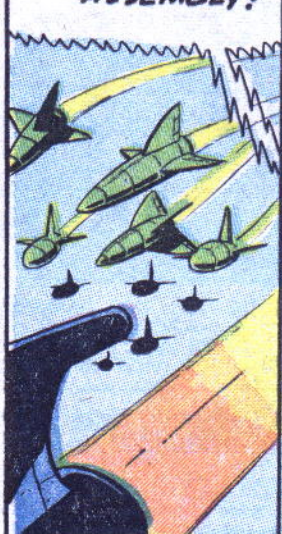
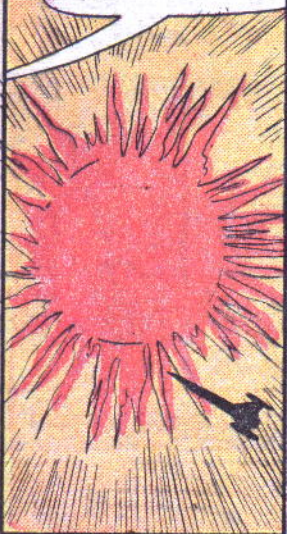
HEAR THAT, REX? SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE REALLY IN THE SOUP THIS TIME! AND THEY'RE GETTING **CLOSER!**

REX... WATCH OUT! YOU'RE HEADED RIGHT FOR **THE SUN!**

I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING, SPEED! WATCH THIS!

NOTHING WILL HELP CLIVE! MY FLEET IS STILL FOLLOWING THE SIGNAL BEING TRANSMITTED FROM YOUR **TAIL ASSEMBLY!**

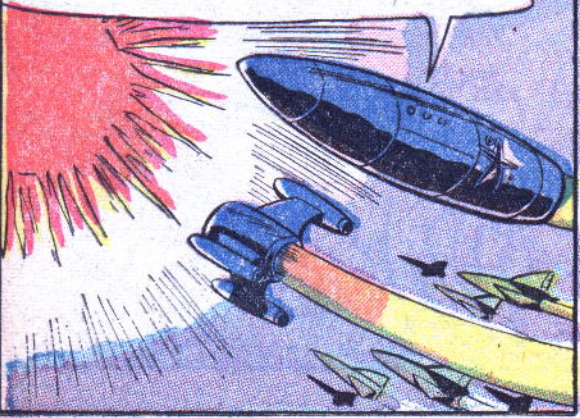
PINCH ME, REX! I MUST BE DREAMING... WE'RE IN THE **CLEAR!**



YOU **DETACHED** OUR TAIL ASSEMBLY, REX, AND SENT IT **RIGHT INTO THE SUN...** AND THOSE ROBOTS ARE HIGHBALLING RIGHT AFTER IT !!

HERE'S YOUR MAN, SIR! HE KEPT TRYING TO CONTACT HIS FLEET LONG AFTER THEY'D CRASHED INTO THE SUN! AND WE HAD NO TROUBLE LOCATING HIM ON OUR DIRECTIONAL FINDER !!

HOPE YOU HAVE A PRISON CELL WITH A SOUTH-EASTERN EXPOSURE, SIR--- THE **MASTER'S** VERY PARTICULAR...!



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The CLOUDSHIPS OF MAGONIA

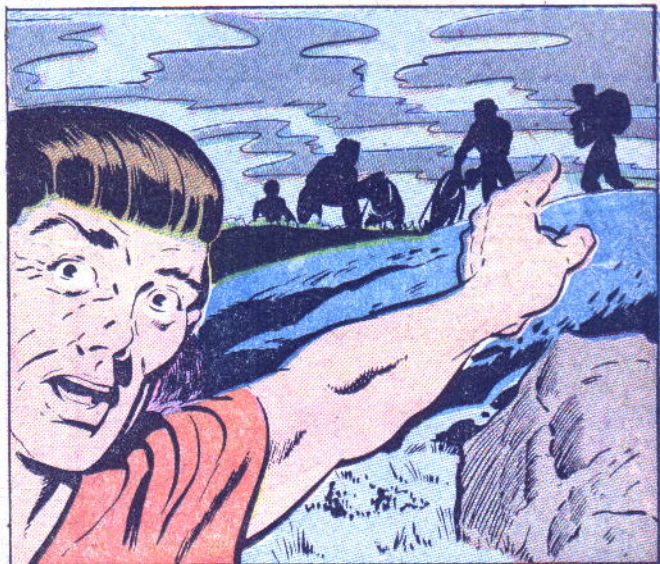
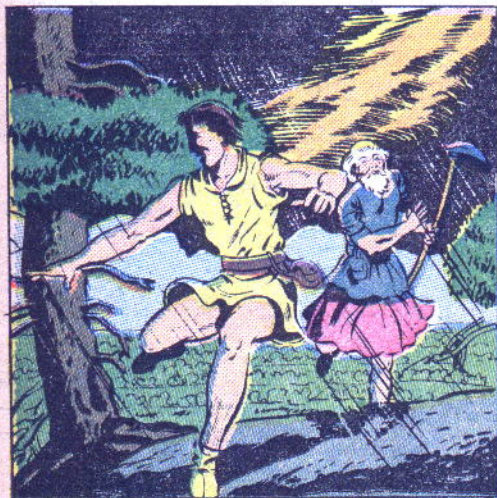
DICK
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WE THINK OF SPACE TRAVEL AND INVASIONS FROM OTHER WORLDS AS A MODERN IDEA OF SOMETHING THAT MAY HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE... ACTUALLY SUCH NOTIONS ARE CENTURIES OLD... A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, SO IT IS CLAIMED, NATIVES OF ENGLAND NOT ONLY FEARED, BUT ACTUALLY MET INVASIONS FROM...*THE CLOUD SHIPS OF MAGONIA.*

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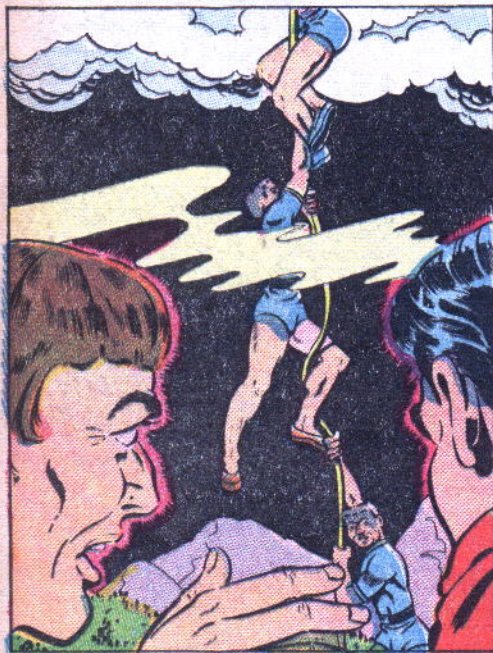
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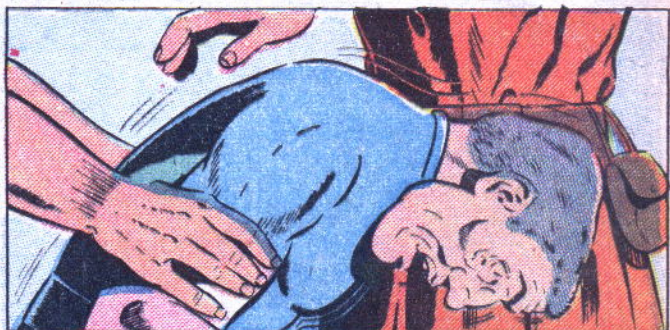
THE ALARMED MAGONIANS SCRAMBLED UP A ROPE THAT DANGLED FROM THE LOW- LYING FOG...



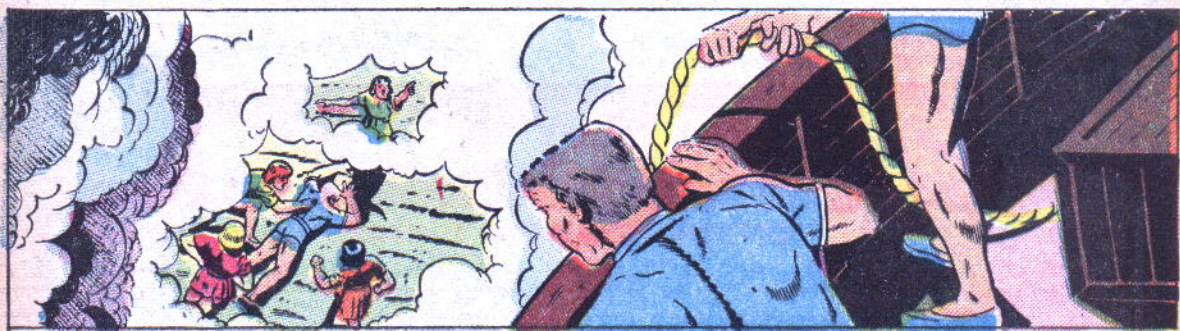
BUT ONE WAS OVERTAKEN AND CAPTURED. AS HE STRUGGLED HE GASPED, BECAUSE OF TOO MUCH AIR PRESSURE...



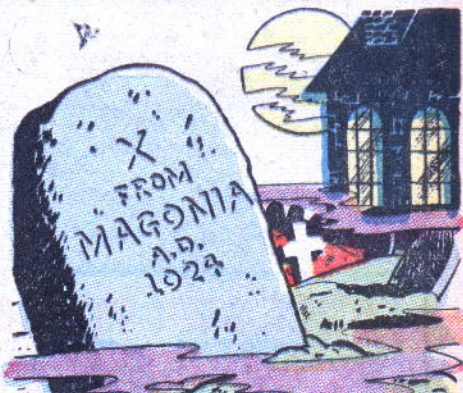
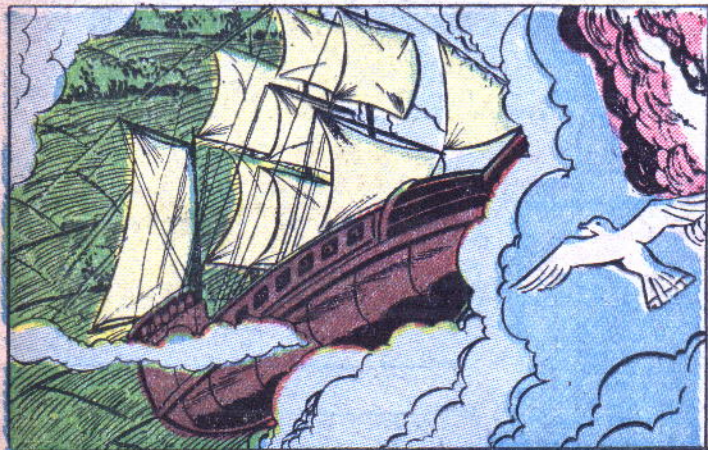
AND FINALLY EXPIRED IN THE HANDS OF HIS CAPTORS!



THROUGH A RIFT IN THE FOG, THE MAGONIANS SAW THAT THEIR COMRADE WAS DEAD AND HAULED UP THEIR ROPE...



AND THE LAST SEEN OF THE STRANGE SPACE SHIP, IT WAS HEADING FOR THE LEGENDARY LAND OF MAGONIA!

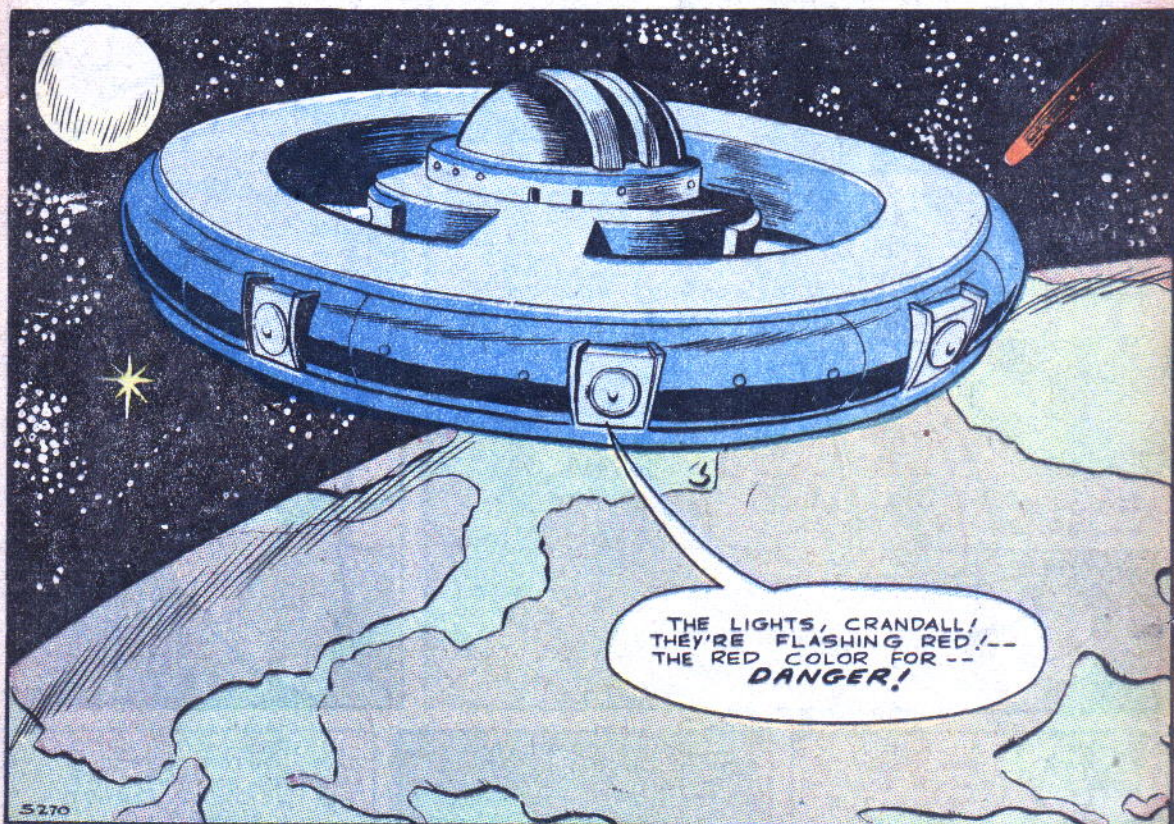


THE STRANGE CREATURE WAS BURIED IN AN ENGLISH CHURCH YARD, PERHAPS THE FIRST VICTIM EVER TO DIE IN THE CAUSE OF INTERPLANETARY TRAVEL!

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MANKIND THOUGHT HE WAS UNIQUE --- THE ONLY CREATURE IN THE UNIVERSE / THUS, MANKIND'S PROBLEMS ALSO HAD TO BE UNIQUE --- UNTIL THE ALIENS CAME FROM OUTER SPACE AND THAT THEY HAD THE 16

COMMON TOUCH



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WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, CRANDALL? YOU'RE GETTING WORSE!

I ... CAN'T. HELP IT, HALESON ... IT'S MY KIDS DOWN ON EARTH!



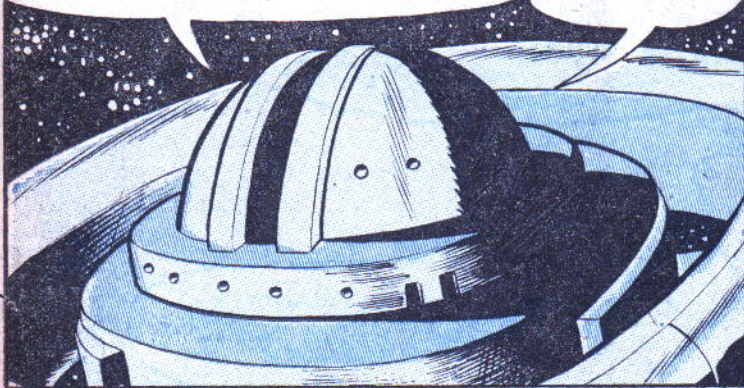
MARGE JUST WROTE ME... THEY GOT IN TROUBLE AGAIN! YOU KNOW... CROWDED STREETS... NO PLACE FOR THEM TO PLAY... JUVENILE DELINQUENTS!

EASY, OLD MAN! I UNDERSTAND! BUT WE HAVE A JOB TO DO!



THIS IS A SATELLITE STATION BETWEEN EARTH AND THE MOON! WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF MILLIONS IN OUR SECTOR! AND RIGHT NOW, THE SCREEN LIGHTS WERE FLASHING RED!

WHICH MEANS SOMETHING IS CROSSING OUR ORBIT WITHOUT PROPER SIGNALS!

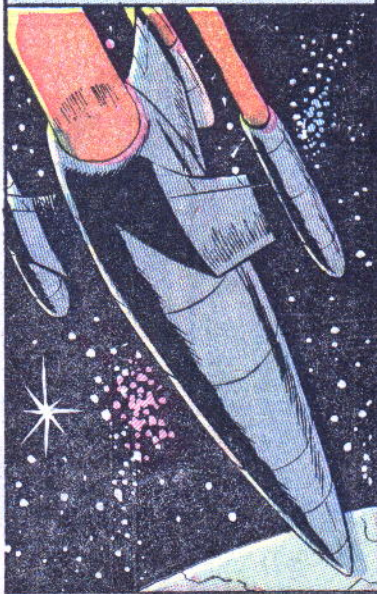


GREAT SCOTT! LOOK!

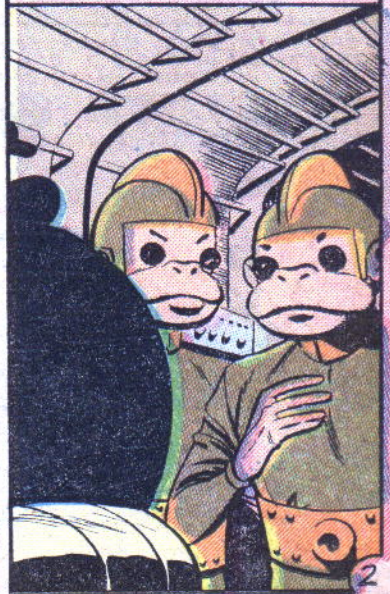
... AN ALIEN SPACESHIP... HEADED STRAIGHT TOWARDS THE EARTH!



... DOWN IT FLASHED... DOWN...DOWN, SPEARING THROUGH EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE, OMINOUS AND GHASTLY....

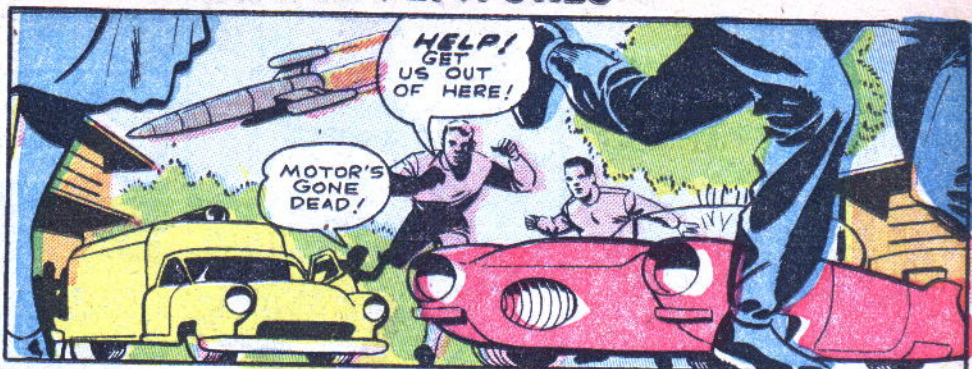


INSIDE -- CREATURES FROM OUTER SPACE PEERING INTENTLY AT THE VERDANT PLANET BELOW....

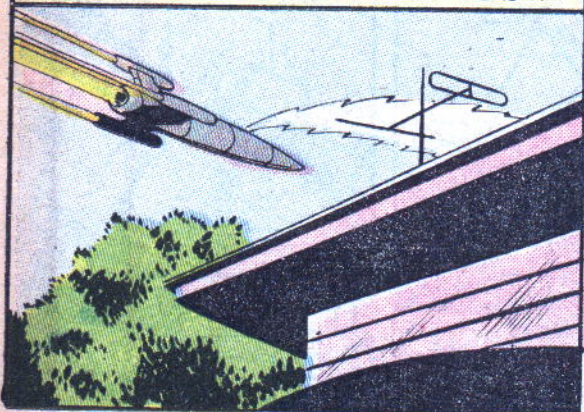


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DOWN IT SWOOPED OVER BUSY CITIES AND SNARLED TRAFFIC... AND WHEREVER IT PASSED CAME PARALYSIS



RADIO, TELEPHONES, TV- SIGNALS, RADAR-- ALL ELECTRICAL IMPULSES WENT DEAD



EARTH BEGAN TO MOBILIZE AT ONCE

CALLING ALL UNITS / MOBILIZE PLAN A! REPEAT, EMERGENCY!

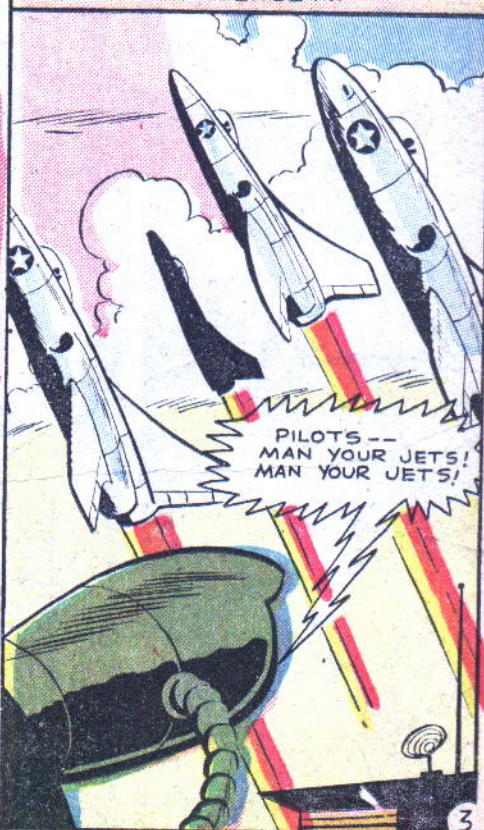


BUT INSIDE THE ALIEN SPACESHIP CAME WORDS OF DOOM....

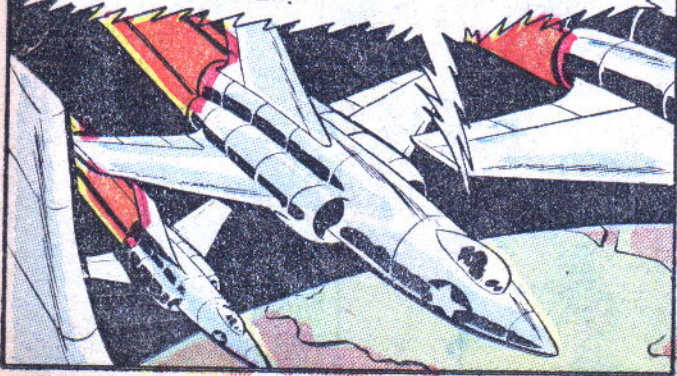


CEASE ALL RESISTANCE, EARTHLINGS / ALL EFFORTS TO STOP US WILL BE USELESS!

AND FROM EARTH AROSE THE CHALLENGE

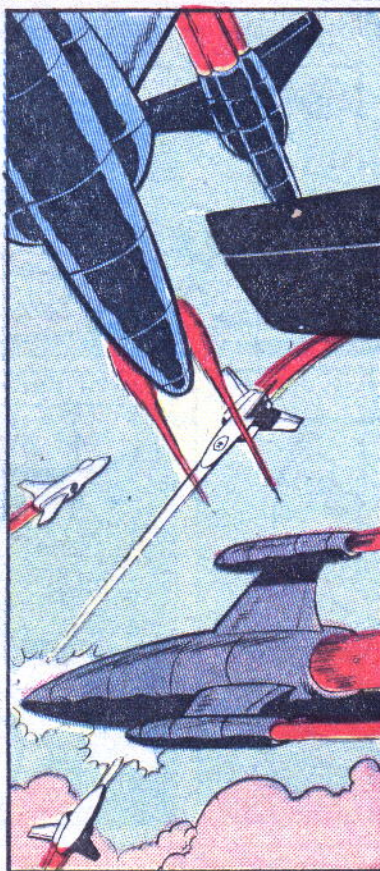
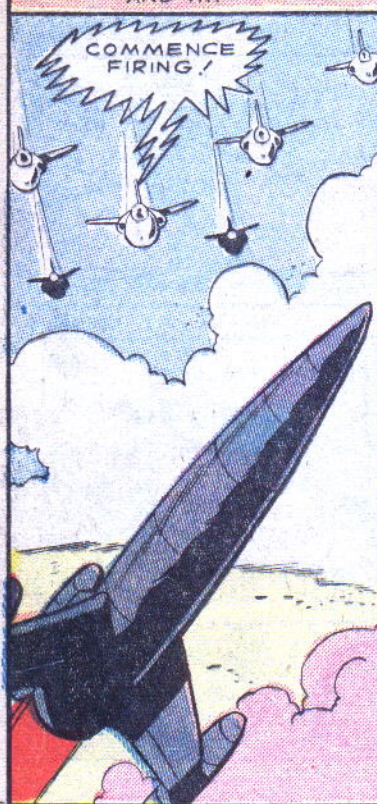


JET LEADER TO MOTHER BASE! HAVE REACHED SUB - STRATOSPHERE! PREPARE FOR ACTION! OVER!



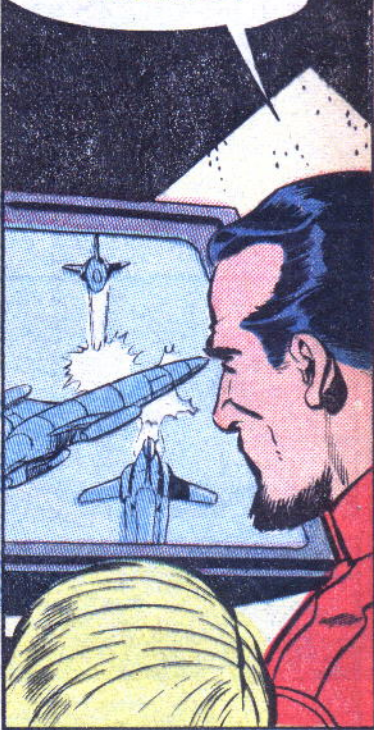
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METALLIC WINGS GLINTED...
NOSES DIPPED IN UNISON
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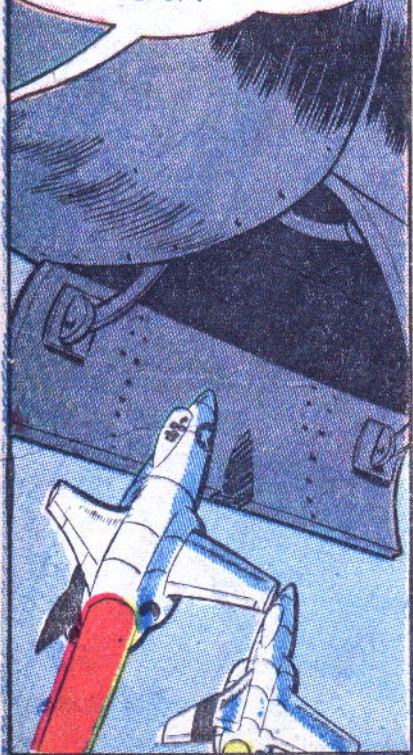


WHILE BACK AT THE
SATELLITE STATION

-- OUR RAYS AREN'T
PENETRATING! THE
SPACESHIP IS IN-
VULNERABLE!



LOOK! IT'S SWALLOWING
UP OUR FIGHTER JETS!
THEY CAN'T SEEM TO
STOP!

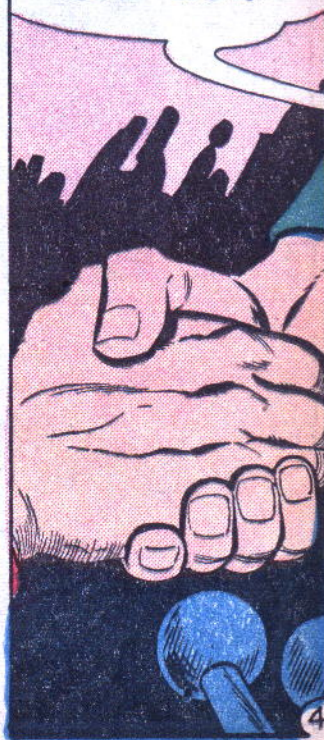


IT SWALLOWED
UP EVERY ONE
OF OUR PLANES!
WE ... CAN'T
FIGHT IT!

YES WE
CAN!
THERE'S
ONE
OTHER
COURSE
LEFT TO
US!



YOU'RE RIGHT! AND
WE'RE THE ONLY
MEN WHO CAN DO IT
WHILE THERE'S TIME!
GOOD LUCK!



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THE TWO MEN RAN QUICKLY TO THE SATELLITE SPACE STATION

WE WON'T ACTIVATE THE ATOMIC WAR-HEADS OF OUR SHIP UNTIL WE SIGHT OUR TARGET!

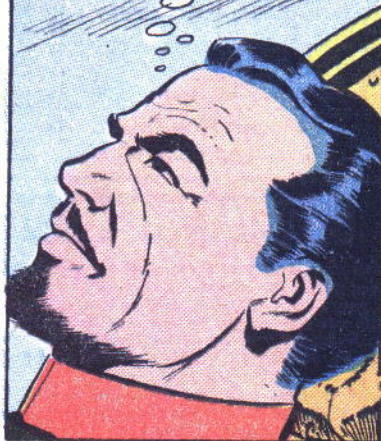
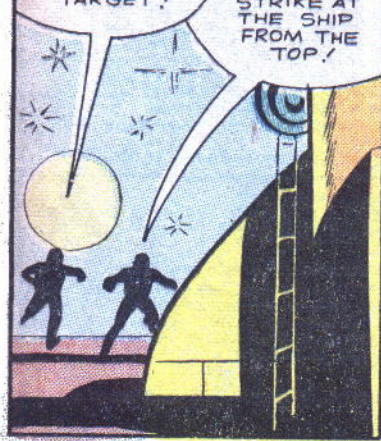
I'LL TAKE THE COLLISION COURSE FROM THE BOTTOM! YOU'LL STRIKE AT THE SHIP FROM THE TOP!

SECONDS LATER, EACH PREPARED TO BLAST OFF....

WE'LL HIT THAT SHIP TOGETHER! OUR LIVES ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO THE MILLIONS BELOW!

THE TWO ATOMIC JET-SHIPS CAREENED INTO THE SKY.... EARTH LOOKED UP AND WAITED FOR THEIR GALLANT SACRIFICE....

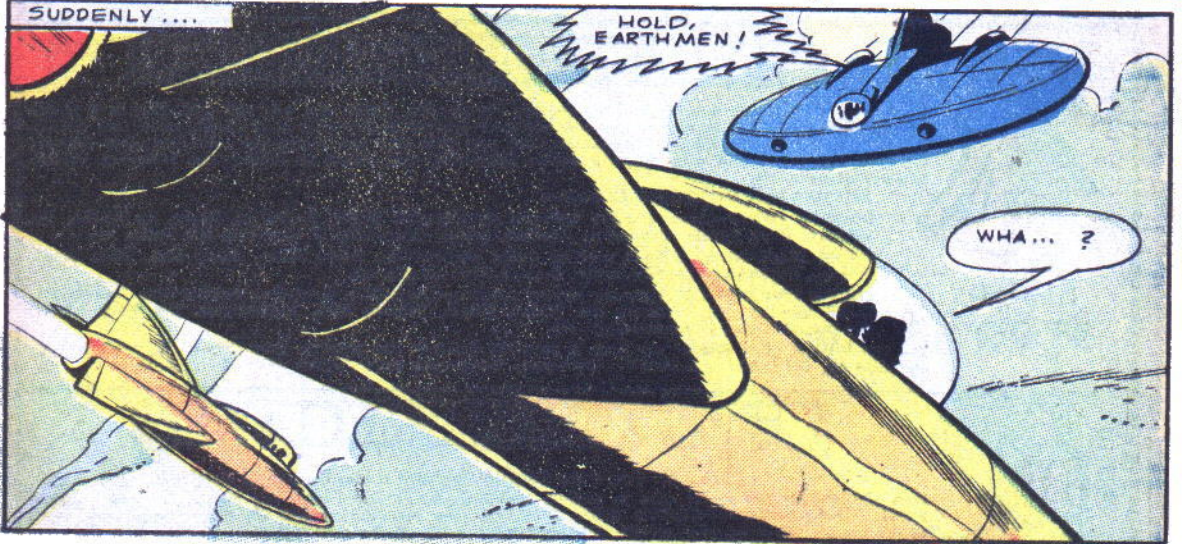
GOODBYE, EARTH! SATELLITE PILOTS CRANDALL AND HALESON ARE PREPARING TO DIVE! TAKE COVER!



SUDDENLY

HOLD, EARTH MEN!

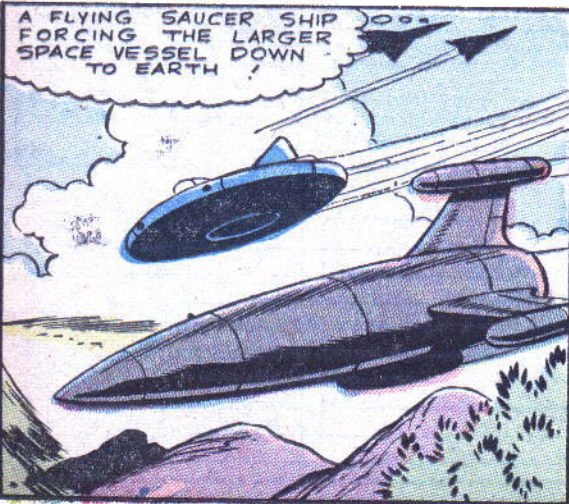
WHA... ?



A FLYING SAUCER SHIP FORCING THE LARGER SPACE VESSEL DOWN TO EARTH!

WE'RE GOING DOWN, CRANDALL! THEY'VE LANDED! COVER ME FOR UNEXPECTED TROUBLE!

CHECK!





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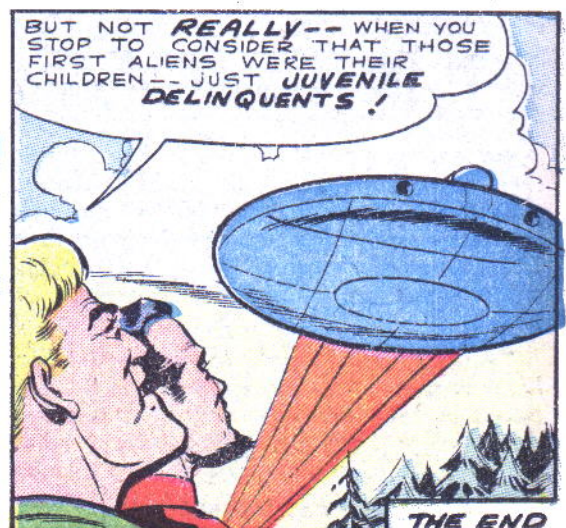
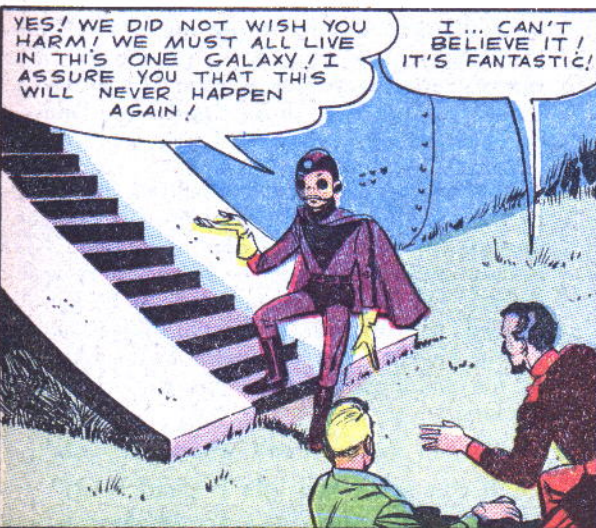
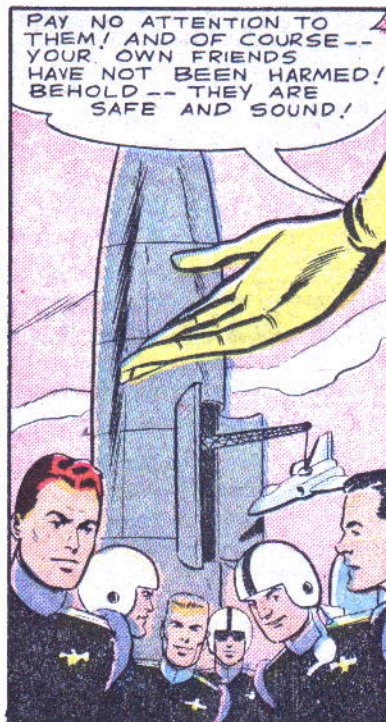
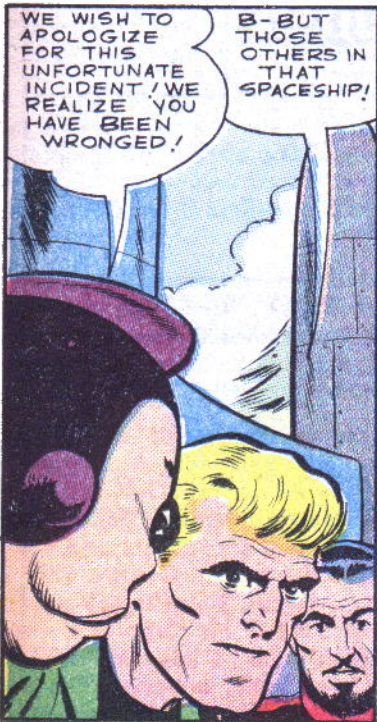
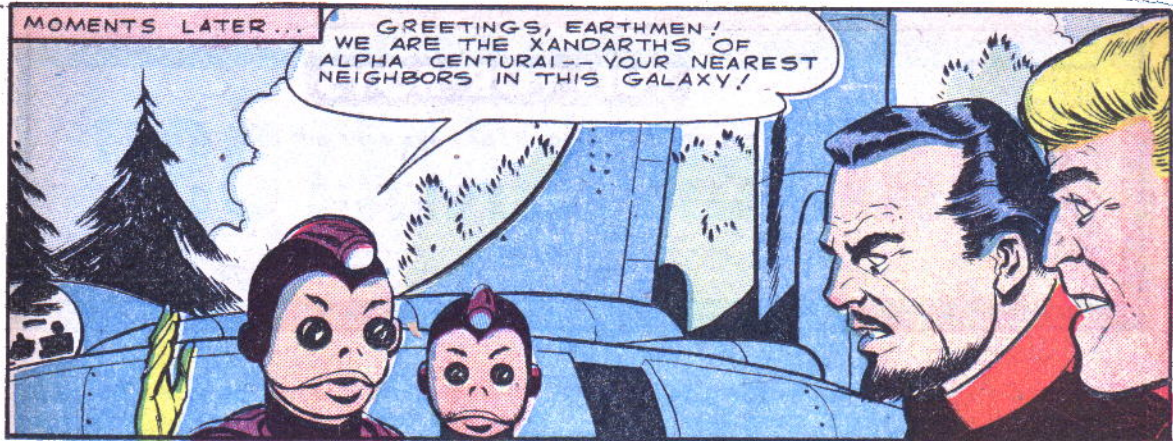
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"RAIDER RAMTOS"

Commander Alex Ryander was beginning to fall asleep. His eyes would close, then open, and close again. It generally took ten minutes for this procedure to come to a climax. And that happened when he began to snore. Sometimes the young cadets aboard the Space Freighter M-12, would put a microphone in front of him. Then they would turn up the volume control on the ship's inter com.

"It certainly is more frightening than the roar of a lion," commented Lieutenant Bob Drucker. "And there is more vibration to it than we used to get from the old jet motors."

"You aren't very nice about it," half scolded Lieutenant Dave Haggerty. "When you get to his age, you probably will be the same. After all, he has been at that radar scanner for two consecutive days."

"With six doses of energy tablets," interrupted the friendly voice of Captain George Heller. "The Commander is a great guy. Just a shame that they put him on this unscheduled freight run. He could have retired five years ago. But his record permitted him to continue in service. After all, he is responsible for training us. Someday when some of us are on the great passenger Space Ships, and others of us are on the Space Patrol Units, we will be grateful to him. He could sleep all through the trip. So what? The automatic controls are set. We will arrive at Asteroid Montas whether his eyes are open or closed."

No sooner had those words been finished than the officers heard the deep chimes ring three times. That was the signal for a headquarters message coming in on the Visio Screen. The Commander opened his right eye only. A man dressed in a white cloak appeared on the screen.

"Attention all Space Ships in the Universe," he proclaimed. "Raider Ramtos is on the prowl again. He was last beamed at 1389 togacycles on the secondary run to Mars. Have all observation posts manned and dissolve and blast guns in firing conditions with full charges. That is all."

"What glory it would be to the Space Ship that could capture that pirate of the galaxy," sighed Lieutenant Bob Drucker. "The men would get medals, promotions, pay increases, and a nice long expense paid vacation to Saturn."

"Well it won't be this old freighter," sneered Lieutenant Dave Haggerty. "Eight units of the Space Patrol have been after him for months. And they can't even get near him. Whenever they get a fix on his position it turns out to be a false alarm."

"Maybe he vanishes into space," suggested Captain George Heller. "Could be that this fellow they call Ramtos has figured out a way of making his Space Ship invisible. What would we do if we met up with him?"

"Blast him out of the air if we spotted him first," suggested Commander Alex Ryander who no longer seemed sleepy. "Just keep two things in mind. If he captures a Space Ship, he takes the cargo and passengers and crew. Then he goes into the second Galaxy. That is forbidden territory for us. He sells the people as slaves. And gets rid of his cargo at a good price. So you don't want to have him capture us. Second, we have better armament than he has. This old freighter happens to be a converted Space Warship. And all stern guns are in working condition. So go ahead and follow instructions. See we are ready to fight if he attacks. His method is simple. He blasts our power reserve and thus cripples us. Then he gives us an air-coupler and gets aboard."

The officers at once transmitted instructions to the crew. And there was soon a tenseness aboard the Space Ship. For the officers knew if they could only spot the raider, they would defeat the ship. Commander Alex Ryander started to fall asleep again. Sometimes he would mumble bits of poetry he had learned in his childhood. So his lips parted and he spoke.

"When things aren't where they ain't,
It can scare you into a dead faint."

"Now what does that bit of childish non-

sense mean," questioned Lieutenant Bob Drucker. "My grandfather used to tell it to me when I was a kid. Could never figure it out."

"It means," explained Captain George Heller with mock patience, "that if you expect something one place, and it isn't there, you can get scared. It is some place else."

"Repeat that just once more again," asked Lieutenant Lave Haggerty. "Sort of gives me an idea."

"Your ears must be plugged up with wax," teased Captain George Heller, "but for you I'll repeat the words."

When he had finished repeating that rhyme, the two eyes of Lieutenant Dave Haggerty looked as though they were going to pop right out of his face. He was excited, no doubt about it!

"That's how the Raider does it!" he shouted with joy in his voice. "We get a fix on him and it turns out to be false. The fix is right. He just isn't there. And why? Because he is some other place. How can it be done? Only if he had figured out a way of reflecting fix beams. He was last beamed at 1389 togacycles. Suppose he had reflected the fix beams? Then where would he have been? About at half of that position. Which makes it about 695 togacycles. We are near it. Wake up the Commander and tell him."

"You don't have to tell me anything," chided the voice of Commander Alex Ryander. "I was only half asleep. Your words came into my ears and made contact with my brain cells. Alter our position one degree East by North. And put all the power on that radar scanner beam. We'll capture that Pirate of the Galaxy."

Jigo Ramtos was at his scanning screen. The Martian was more than pleased as he saw the outline of the freighter appear.

"Her crew should bring a good price on the slave market. Space Freighter M-12 is a trainee Space Ship. That means the men are young. Flank her at 22:17 and go for their power reserve. Then get ready for an air-coupler and a boarding party. Use nerve gas to paralyze them."

The raider was soon within firing distance and the gun crew ready when it happened. A salvo from blast guns put their armament out of commission. Then a second salvo from the dissolvo guns smashed their power units. For the first time in his life, the raider was getting a dose of his own medicine. Then a voice came in on a vibro wave unit.

"This is Commander Alex Ryander of the Freighter M-12 calling Raider Ramtos. We have crippled you. We are going to put an air-coupler to your Space Ship. We will take you prisoners. If you resist, we will let you drift through space."

At the same time that the Raider heard the message, it came through on monitoring units located on Earth, the Moon, Saturn, and the various space stations.

"We surrender. No resistance will be offered," replied Jigo Ramtos as he slid a nerve gun up his sleeve. "Our hands will be in the air."

The transfer was quickly made and the crippled Raider was then hitched onto a trailer connection so she could be taken as a prize. Commander Alex Ryander contacted Earth for further instructions.

"Return to Home Port," was the official reply. "But take your time while we prepare a hero's welcome for you and the crew. Well done, Commander."

Captain George Heller, Lieutenant Bob Drucker, and Lieutenant Dave Haggerty sat around a table. They were questioning the prisoners in the officer's quarters. The other prisoners had been taken into compartment Q and were under armed guard.

"You seem rather cool," observed Captain George Heller.

"Why not?" snapped back Jigo Ramtos as the nerve gun slid down his sleeve into his hand. "I am going to paralyze you three. Then I will take care of the guards you have set over my men. And I will also take care of your Commander."

Then it happened. A peculiar rumble began to fill the room. More frightening than the roar of a lion. More vibration to it than that which once came from the old jet motors. Jigo Ramtos trembled and swayed. He let the nerve gun fall from his hand onto the table. Then he collapsed.

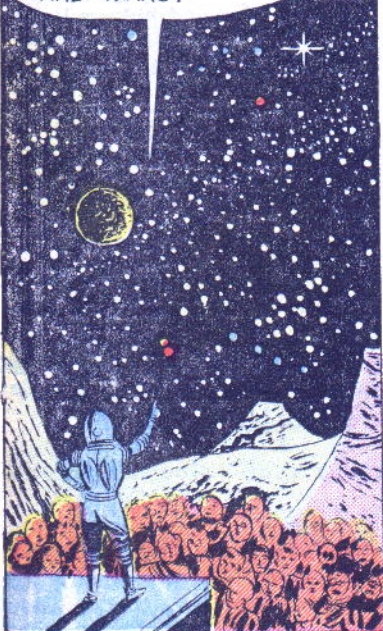
"How will we ever explain that the Commander saved us while asleep? And who was the cadet that put the microphone in front of him?" remarked Captain George Heller. "He can have my share of the medals. He deserves all the glory he gets. Now which one of us goes in and wakes up the Commander and tells him the story he won't believe?"

SPACE ADVENTURES

SPIRO THE SPACE SPY THE MAN WHO SAVED FOUR WORLDS

BACK IN THE YEAR 2306, INVADERS FROM GALAXY Q-7 LANDED ON PLUTO, THE BLEAK PLANET WHICH FORMS THE OUTERMOST MEMBER OF OUR SYSTEM...

PLUTONIANS! THAT TINY STAR IS **YOUR SUN!** THINK OF HOW LITTLE WARMTH IT GIVES YOU! HELP US INVADE THE INNER PLANETS OF YOUR SYSTEM, MERCURY... VENUS... EARTH AND MARS!



THEN YOUR SUN WILL BE ALL OURS! I MEAN ALL **YOURS!**

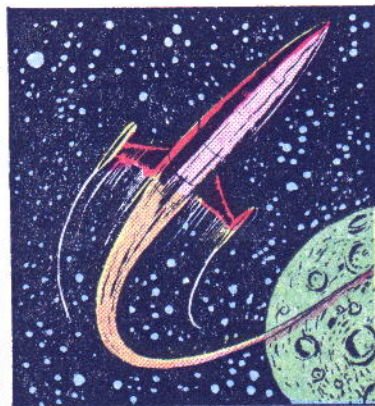
ONE MAN IS SNEAKING AWAY, VO! HE MUST BE A SPY!

IMPOSSIBLE, IF NO ONE BUT A PLUTONIAN COULD GO AROUND HALF CLAD IN THIS ABSOLUTE ZERO TEMPERATURE!

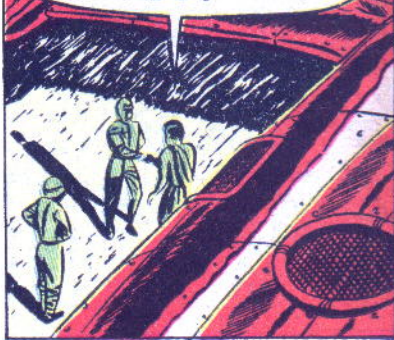


THE MAN **WAS** A SPY, HOWEVER! HE TOOK OFF IN A HIDDEN SPACESHIP FROM PLUTO...

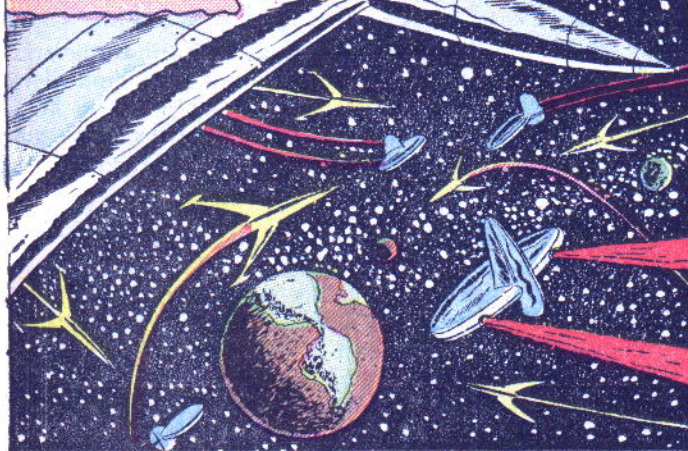
... AND GAINING A SPEED THAT MADE THE FASTEST COMET SEEM SLOW, HE REACHED THE PLANET MARS...



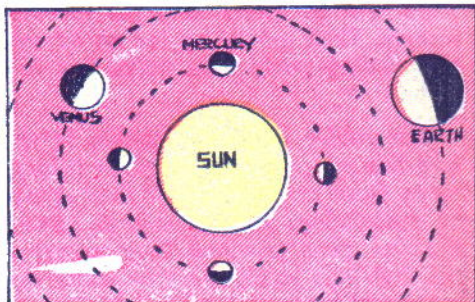
INVADERS... FROM ANOTHER GALAXY... HEADING IN FROM PLUTO!



THAT GAVE US TIME TO READY A VAST FOUR WORLD FLEET THAT MET AND DEFEATED THE GALACTIC INVADERS AMONG THE ASTEROIDS!

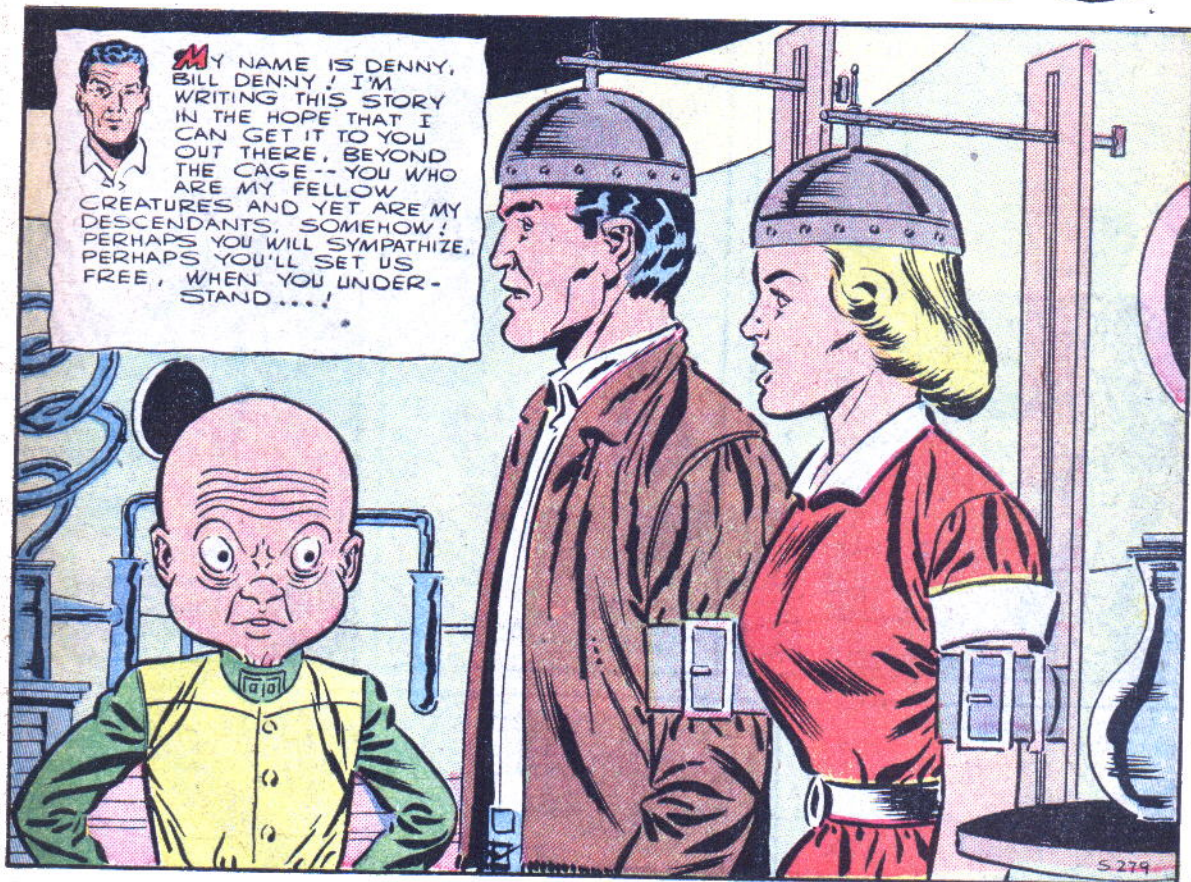


BUT NOW DID SPIRO, WHO CAME FROM AN INNER PLANET, MANAGE TO STAND THE COLD CLIMATE OF PLUTO? THE ANSWER WAS, SPIRO CAME FROM **MERCURY**, WHICH ALWAYS KEEPS **ONE SIDE** TOWARD THE SUN... THE OTHER SIDE IS AS COLD AS PLUTO, THE MOST DISTANT PLANET... AND SPIRO WAS BORN AND RAISED ON THAT SIDE OF MERCURY!



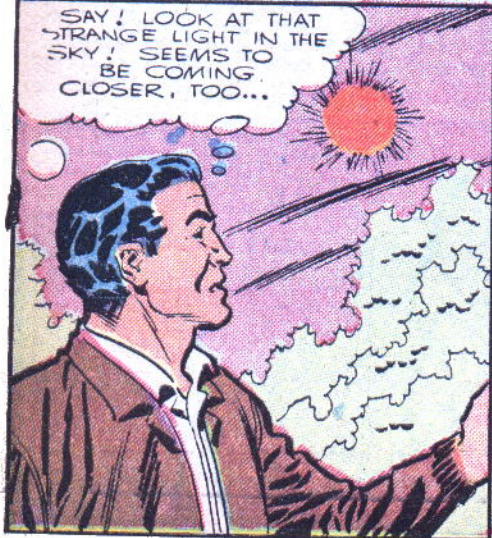
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TIME LAG



IT BEGAN ON AN ORDINARY NIGHT, BACK IN 1955. I'D GONE FOR A WALK ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN, ABOUT MIDNIGHT. THEN...

SAY! LOOK AT THAT STRANGE LIGHT IN THE SKY! SEEMS TO BE COMING CLOSER, TOO...

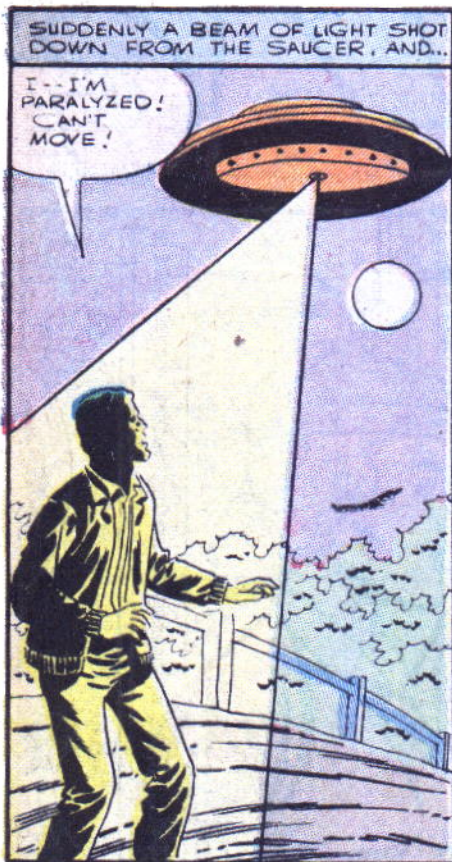


NOW, I'D NEVER BELIEVED IN SUCH THINGS, BUT THERE IT WAS...

A FLYING SAUCER! AND DIRECTLY OVER MY HEAD, TOO! NOW WHAT?



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SUDDENLY A BEAM OF LIGHT SHOT DOWN FROM THE SAUCER, AND...

I--I'M PARALYZED! CAN'T MOVE!



...I'M RISING INTO THE AIR! OHH... DIZZY-- PASSING OUT!



THAT'S ALL I REMEMBER, UNTIL I REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS TO FIND...

W-WHO ARE YOU? WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

NOW, NOW, NO NEED TO WORRY. I WON'T HURT YOU! I'VE EXPLAINED IT ALL TO THIS YOUNG LADY AND...

IT'S-- IT'S AWFUL! HE'S A SCIENTIST, FROM ANOTHER PLANET!



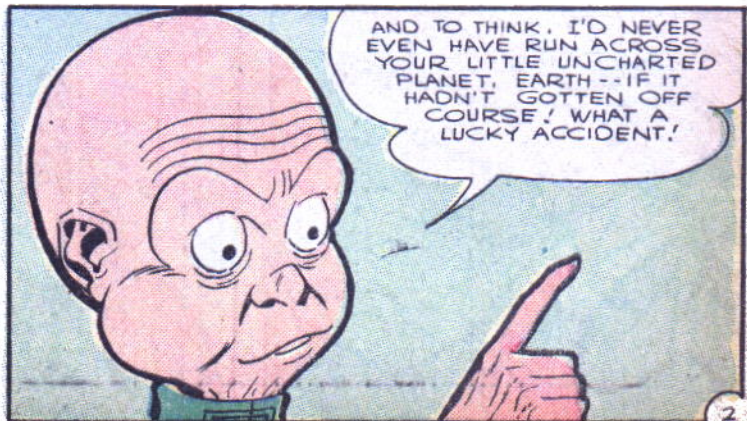
A WHAT?

THAT'S RIGHT! I'M FROM THE PLANET KNOWN AS ARCTUS III! I'M A COLLECTOR, REALLY, SENT OUT TO GATHER SPECIMENS OF FLORA AND FAUNA FROM OTHER PLANETS FOR OUR MUSEUMS!



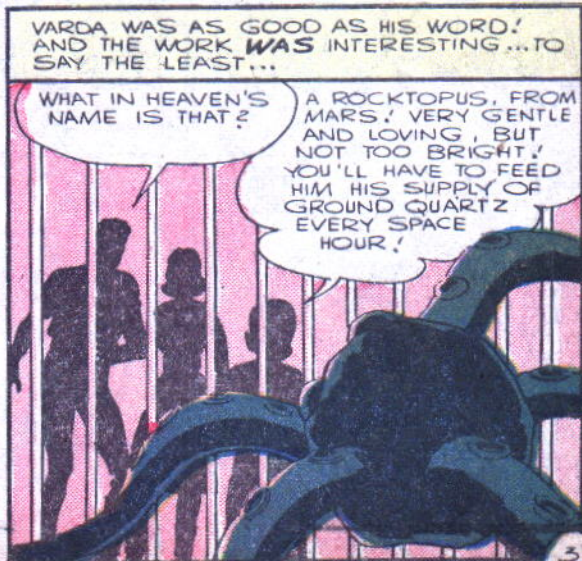
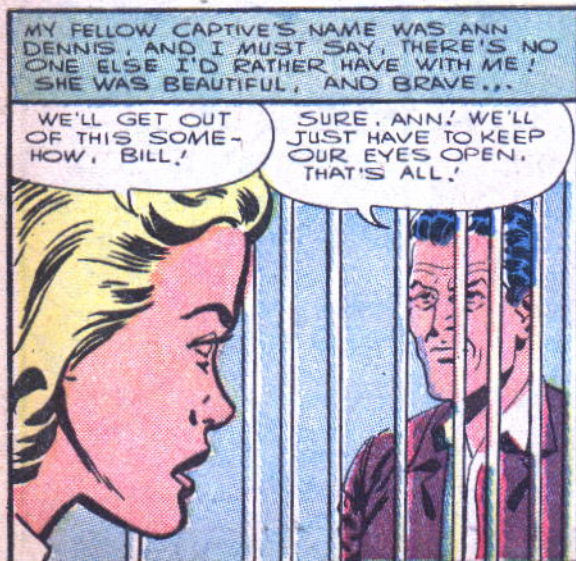
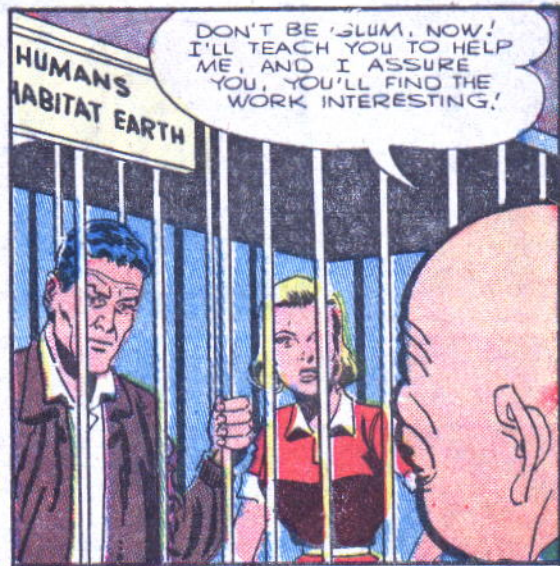
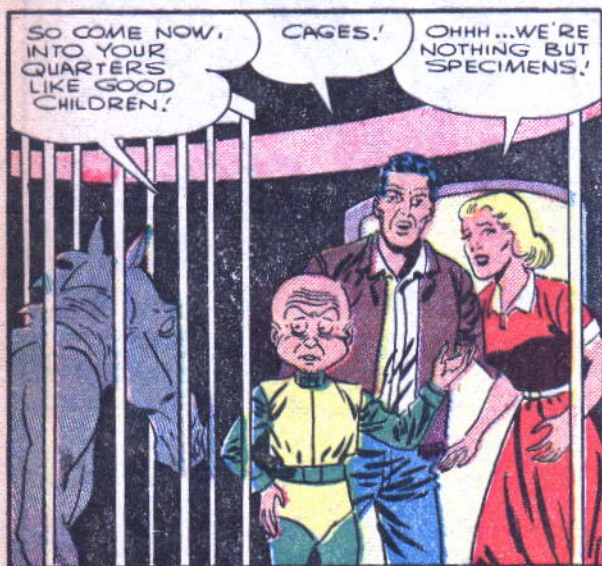
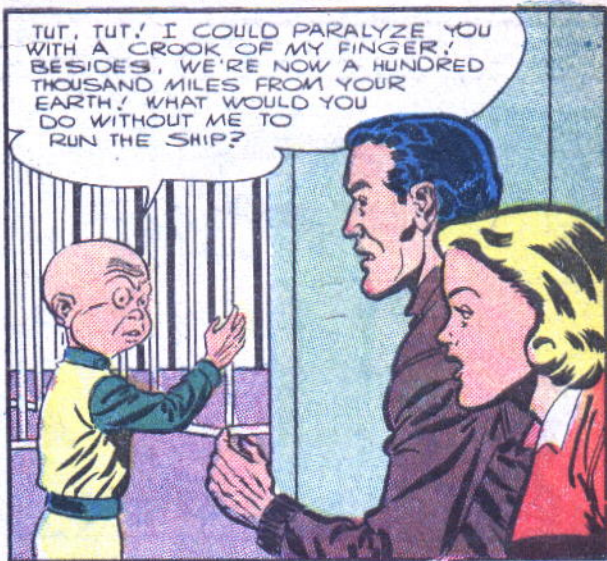
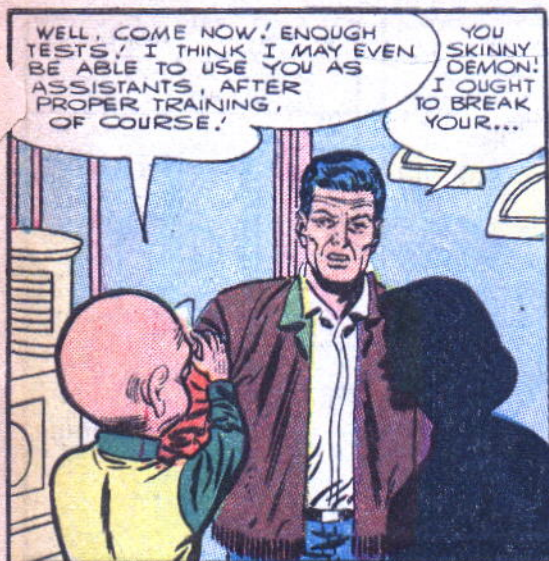
HE PICKED ME UP -- I GUESS IT WAS YESTERDAY, AND HE'S BEEN TESTING ME EVER SINCE! I THINK HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!

HMM... VERY INTERESTING! HIGHEST INTELLIGENCE OF ANY CREATURES I'VE COME ACROSS-- OUTSIDE OF MY OWN PEOPLE, OF COURSE!

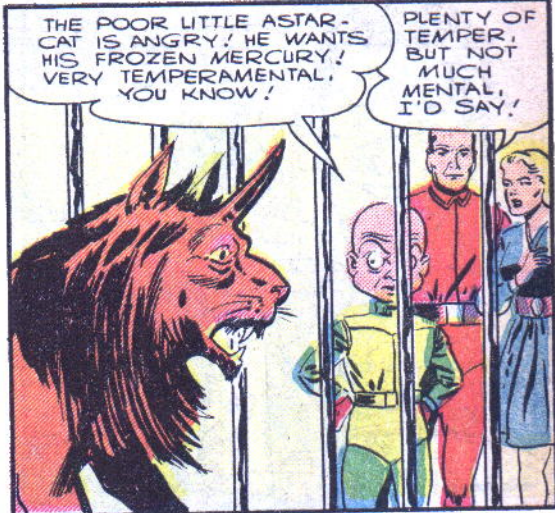
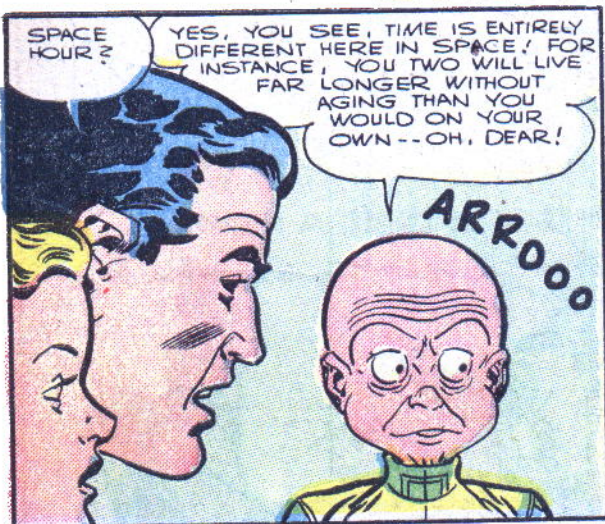


AND TO THINK, I'D NEVER EVEN HAVE RUN ACROSS YOUR LITTLE UNCHARTED PLANET, EARTH-- IF IT HADN'T GOTTEN OFF COURSE! WHAT A LUCKY ACCIDENT!

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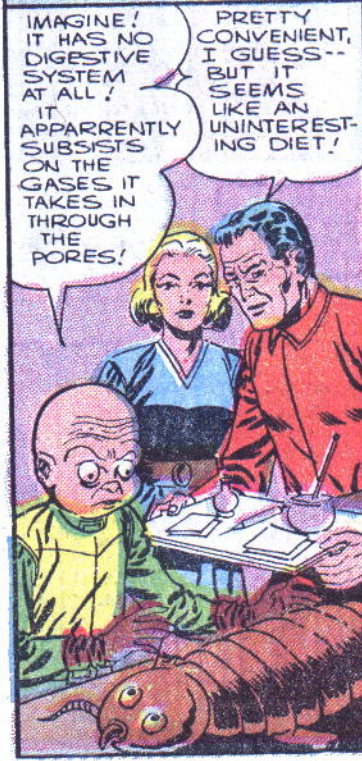
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IT WAS QUITE A TRIP! VENUS, SATURN, MERCURY--WE VISITED THEM ALL, AND SOME THAT VARDA HAD NEVER HEARD OF! SOMETIMES WE ACTUALLY LANDED ON THE SURFACE, TO COLLECT VEGETATION...



AND ALWAYS, WE STUDIED EACH NEW AND UNBELIEVABLE SPECIMEN CAREFULLY...



BUT NO MATTER HOW FASCINATING THINGS BECAME...

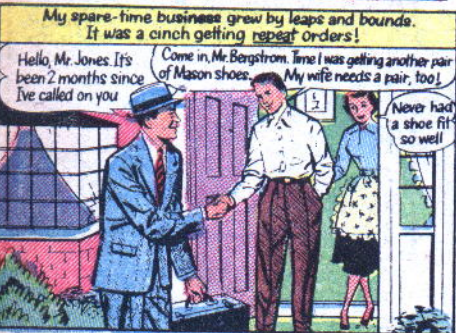
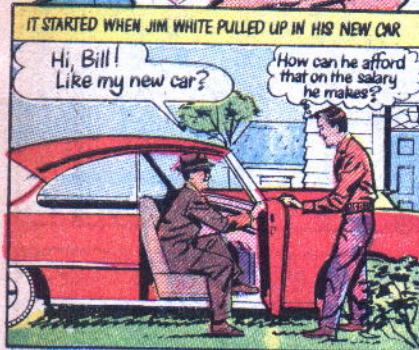




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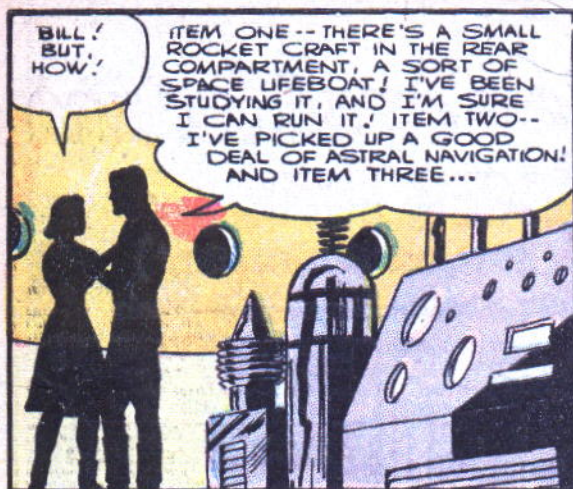
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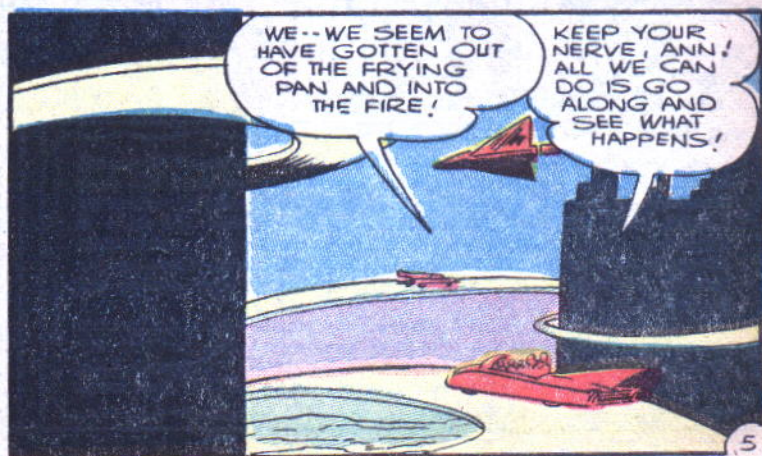
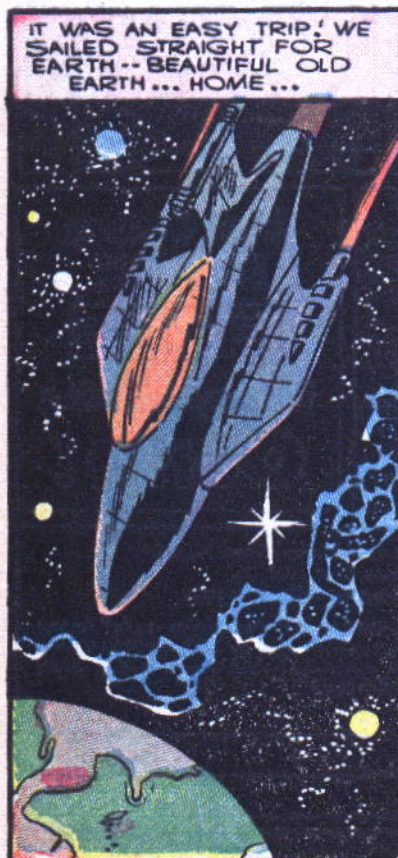
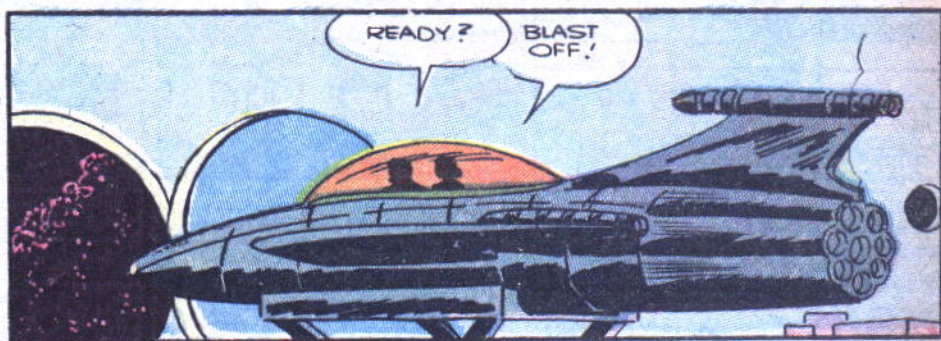
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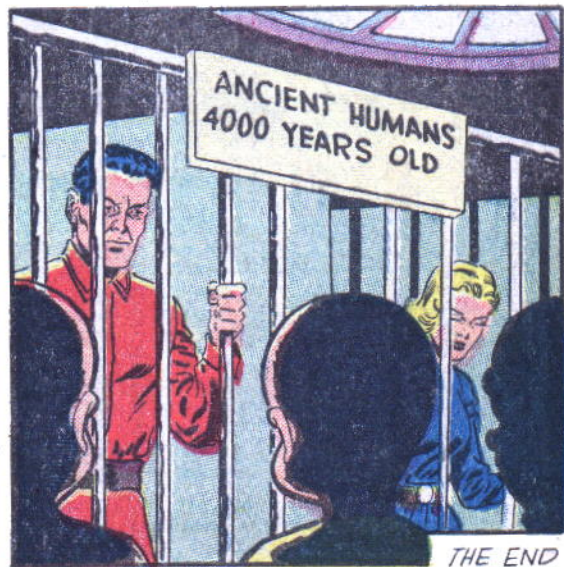
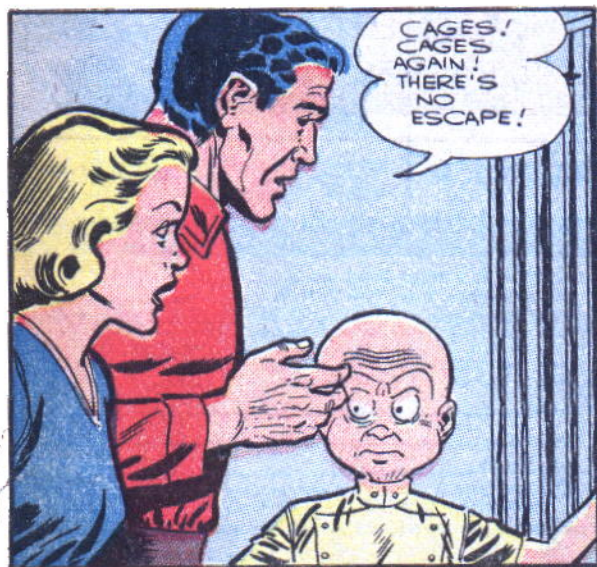
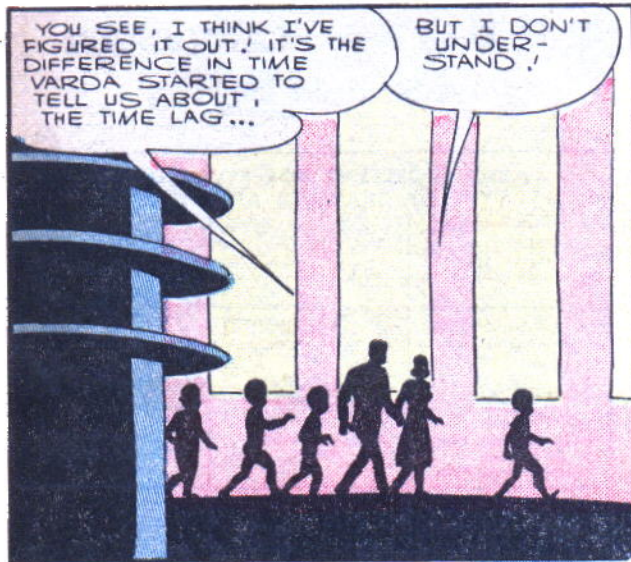
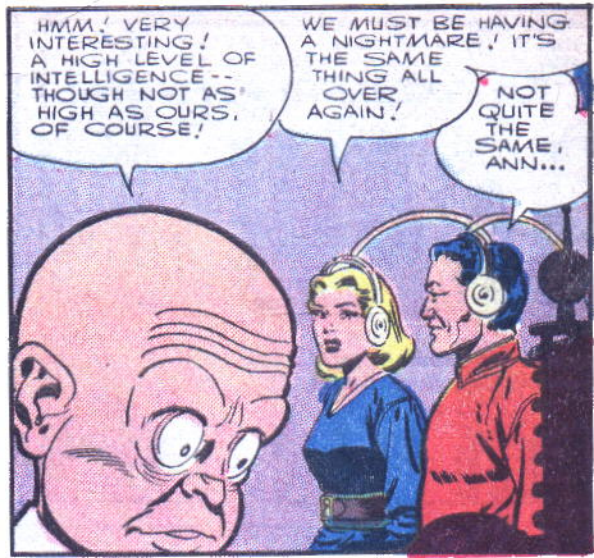
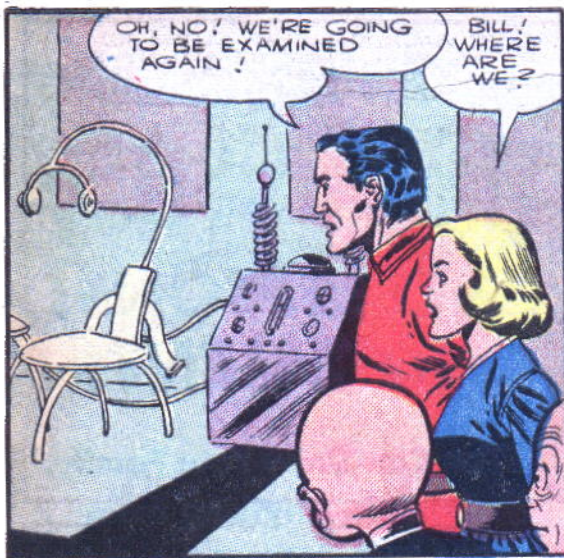
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AND SO WE
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THAN IT SOUNDS!
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GIVEN US THE
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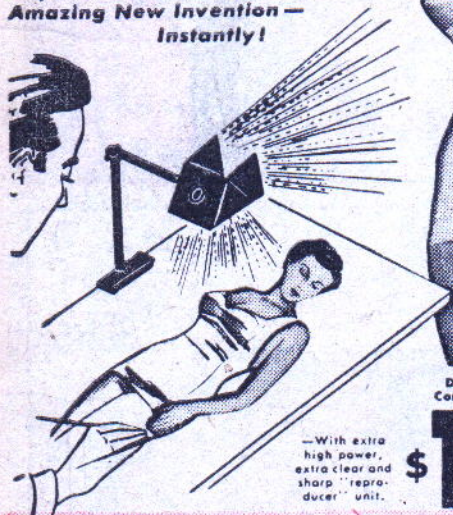
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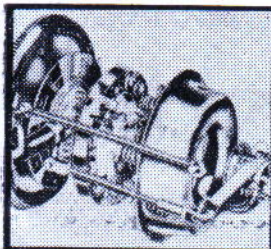
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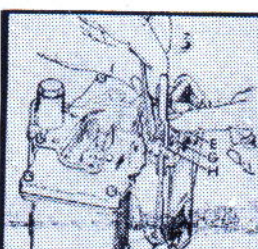
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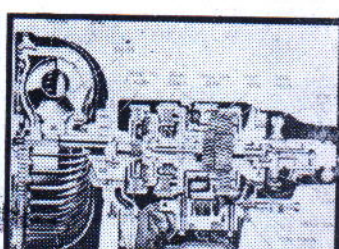
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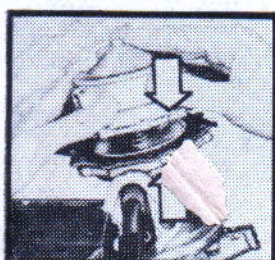
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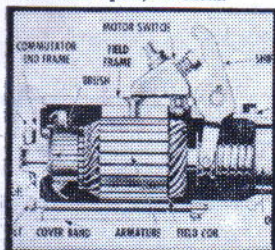
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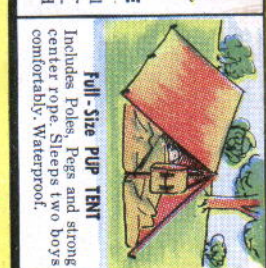
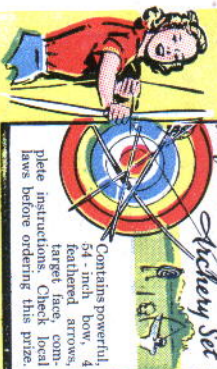
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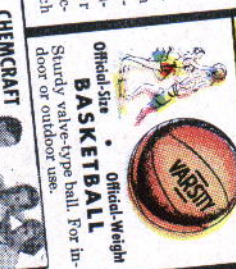
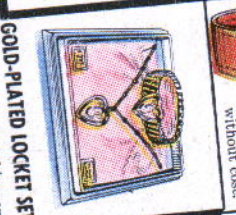
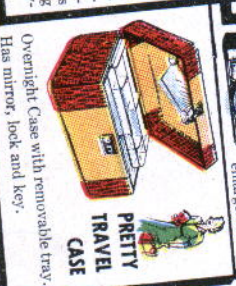
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